

The Spotlight

MARCH 2011

**Bridgewater
Presbyterian Church**

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Birthday Lunch

EVERYBODY

has a

BIRTHDAY – so

let's

Celebrate!

On Sunday, March 20th,

following worship, there
will be a covered dish
fellowship meal.

Bring a dish or two to share.

Dessert will be, of course,

Birthday Cake –

one for each month. You
are encouraged to sit at the
table designated for your
birth month.

Cake bakers needed – talk
to Betsy Glendye (828-3694)

INDOOR YARD SALE

Saturday, March 26th

7:00 a.m. - Noon

Sponsored by the Youth Group

Bring donations to the church
beginning March 20th

Pick-up for large items can be
arranged through the
church office (828-2442)

SHOPPERS NEEDED

so tell your family,
friends and neighbors!



Footnote: any leftover items will be taken to Good Will by
Girl Scout Troop 530 as part of their "Bag It Up" community
service project. They earn \$10 for every bin they fill and
they will give that money to the Bridgewater Food Pantry!

Talk about "spreading the wealth" -

Your closets are cleaned, the Youth Group benefits,
the Girl Scouts are supported and the Food Pantry profits.

Wow!

MEMBER CARE

Meets @ 6:30 on Tuesday, Mar. 15th

Notes of Sympathy to:

- ~ the family and friends of **Penny Thompson**. Her memorial service is Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Carter Center (the old Church of the Brethren) on the campus of Bridgewater College.
- ~ the family of **Ann Hollyday**. Her family thanks BPC for your faithful, tender loving care these past several years.
- ~ **Brian Edwards**, whose father, David Edwards, has died. He'd battled lymphoma for several months.

Prayer Concerns:

- ~ **Catherine Snipes** is now at the Bridgewater Home – room 276.
- ~ **Charlette McQuilkin** broke her knee. Surgery was necessary and she is now recuperating at home.
- ~ **Tommy Glendye** is at home recovering from knee surgery. He and Betsy extend their thanks for the many cards, calls, visits, and food they have received.

Birthday Card Showers:

- ~ **Gladys Austin**, mother of Sonja Bible, **turns 98 on March 11th!** Please honor her special milestone with a card. Bridgewater Home, Room 353, 302 N. 2nd St., Bridgewater.
- ~ **Jo Anna Sullivan**, and daughter Sally Smith, thank you for the birthday greetings you sent. She received over 140 cards and 25 email and Facebook messages. She is *finally* back in Grottoes – praise God!

TLC List for March

6 - Ellie Enterline, who has been a most trustworthy steward of our weekly offerings for many, many years – even counting the 2¢ coins! Thank you, Ellie.
431 Dice's Spring Rd.,
Weyers Cave, 24486

13 - Woody Atkins
103 Mt. View Dr., Bridgewater

20 - Willodene Booth
202 S. Pope St., Bridgewater

27 - Jim Thompson, on the loss of his wife, Penny.
317 N. Sandstone Ln.,
Bridgewater

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Meets @ 6:30 on Tuesday, Mar. 15th



The First Sunday in Lent is March 13th and Communion will be shared. If you are unable to attend worship and would like the pastor and an elder to bring the elements to your home, please call the church office at 828-2442.

Choir meets every Wednesday from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. They've started Easter music! All earnest singers invited to join!

MISSION

Meets @ 6:30 on Tuesday, Mar. 15th

Your Generosity Is Amazing!

- ~ *The Souper Bowl of Caring* totaled 22 boxes of cereal and \$159! On the national level, the amount is \$8.7 million and climbing.
- ~ *The 2¢-a-Meal Offering* received in February totaled \$240.40. Thank you!
Next Pour-in is May 8th.
- ~ *Items for Our Community Place and First Step* will be collected through the end of March.
Thank you for all you have given so far. The basket is filling up!

Books for Nicaragua

As many of you know, I have been going to a rural area in Nicaragua for the past two years with students from JMU. The community we go to is Chacraseca, Nicaragua and we have built schools and homes. The organization we use to help coordinate these trips is *Friends of Students for 60,000* and Michael Cipoletti as the main coordinator. They are currently working with a group that is planning to build a public library in Chacraseca. I have included portions of their article describing the project below:

"The *Biblioteca Chacraseca Project* intends to assist in the creation of a sustainable, solar-powered public library, and a mobile library, in the town of Chacraseca, Nicaragua. The library will serve as a study and research center for students, acting as a supplement to the schools that cannot supply adequate materials and resources. It will be open to the public to allow all members of the community to access information and share knowledge. The mobile library component will be able to bring library services to more remote areas of the community and schools. We believe that this library is critical to the advancement of the community as a whole and the development of education, which will break the cycles of poverty prevalent in developing nations. While we may perceive this need, it is essential that the community welcomes this

idea and that they will participate in creating and sustaining this library. Through their participation, we hope to demonstrate that the library's services are not just for students, but for all community members. We hope to begin construction on the library by June 2011. The building will take an estimated 6 weeks to complete. By August, the library should be serving the community's needs and all organizations involved will see to it that this continues for years to come."

Our BPC Mission Committee would like to see if we can collect NEW books to go to this library. They will take both Spanish and English books although I imagine Spanish would be greatly appreciated. We are blessed to have the Green Valley Book Fair near us that carries books in Spanish. Also, Spanish books can be bought at Walmart and other bookstores in the area. Books for children, adults and professionals are needed. Put them on the Mission table in the Fellowship Hall through June.

Thank you for all you have done to help me in the past with this community and for your help with this current project. I am hoping to get to go back there again to help with children who have special needs and their families and teachers...more to come on that.

--Cheryl Burke



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth @ 5:00 on 2nd & 4th Sundays
Committee @ 6:30 on Tues. Mar. 15th



~ **The Lunch Bunch** gathers on Wednesday March 16th at 10:30 at the church. Call Sally the Tuesday before to order you meal. Study lesson #6.

~**The Book Group** is reading “Two Little Girls in Blue” by Mary Higgins Clark. They will meet at Paige Walker’s sometime in March. Watch the bulletin.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES:

#1. On Sunday, March 13th we are taking a road trip! Meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. to travel to Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church to participate in “Let’s Talk ... Relationships” with Duffy Robbins. Youth-led worship begins at 4:30; Rev. Duffy speaks at 5:00; dinner at 6:00. You’ll be back to BPC by 7:30. We need to make a reservation, so if ANYBODY (not just youth) wants to go, get in touch with Kerry ASAP. Duffy’s mix of comedy, technology and theology is “amazing.” You won’t want to miss it!



#2. LOCK IN on Friday, March 25th. Watch email for details. Friends are welcome but they’ll need a signed permission slip. See Elizabeth.

Dear BPC – THANK YOU thank you for you generous support of our potato bar. We thoroughly enjoyed the retreat and are grateful to have this congregation be part of our spiritual journeys. Please check out our group photo on the kiosk!
- *The Youth Group*

SESSION

Meets @ 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 20th

~ **Election results:** Charlette McQuilkin is now a Trustee. She joins Roger Bible and Bob Rees.

~ Elders and their Committees ~

-Class of 2011-
Betsy Glendye
(Member Care)
David McQuilkin
(Resource)
Ed Sonifrank
(Resource)

-Class of 2012-
Cheryl Burke
(Mission)
Joe Crockett
(Mission + Spiritual Life)
Merrill Simon
(Building & Grounds)

-Class of 2013-
Elizabeth Engleking Clerk
(Christian Education)
Jim Enterline
(Mission)
Emily Heatwole
(Spiritual Life)

RESOURCE

Meets @ 7:00, Monday March 14th @ McQuilkins'

Survey – Please Respond

Each year, the Presbytery submits an asking or call for financial support to each congregation within the Presbytery. In return, the Presbytery uses these resources to provide an array of pastoral, mission, and program services to its member congregations. The amount being requested from the Bridgewater Presbyterian Church this year is \$5745.60, a figure based upon a per member asking of \$48.00 and a church membership of 126.

Unfortunately we were unable to fulfill the Presbytery asking last year due to our severe budgetary constraints. Nonetheless, there is a general agreement that we as a congregation this year wish to find some means by which we can meet this Presbytery obligation.

Now the Resource Committee asks the Congregation for its assistance. We would like you to respond to a survey that contains a range of options designed to assist us to meet a portion or all of the 2011 Presbytery asking. The survey will distributed during

Sunday worship on February 27 and March 6. It will also be mailed to the entire Congregation in order to include those who cannot be in church those two days. For individuals who lack email access, the survey will provided by regular mail.

Once the survey is completed, please return it to the Church office or to a member of the Resource Committee by March 13. This may be done either by email or regular mail. Responses can also be placed in the morning offering during the March 6 worship service.

Thank you for your participation. Once the results are tabulated, they will be publicized in both the Sunday morning worship bulletin and the Spotlight.

~ *The Resource Committee*

Gary Adams, Bev Carver,
Charlette McQuilkin, Dave McQuilkin,
David Rees, Merrill Simon,
Ed Sonifrank, Janet Sonifrank

By the Numbers

The Church's Worship Attendance

January: 2 nd -- 46	February: 6 th -- 72
9 th -- 58	13 th -- 66
16 th -- 49	20 th -- 52
23 rd -- 68	27 th -- 60
30 th -- 65	



The Church's Finances

-prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursement Treasurer

Account Balances as of February 28, 2011

<i>Operating:</i> \$22,453.71	<i>Special:</i> \$42,296.03	<i>Payroll:</i> \$19.69	<i>Tax:</i> \$499.50
CD: \$25,310.02 (matures 6/24/11)	<i>New Covenant Fund:</i> \$485.60 (portfolio value)		

February 2011 – Offering Report

Date	Target	Amount Received	Over/Under	Cumulative giving	Cumulative target	Totals over/under
2/6/11	\$2,226	\$2,900	\$674 over	\$12,768.38	\$13,356	\$ 587.62 U
2/13/11	\$2,226	\$1,711	\$515 under	\$14,479.38	\$15,582	\$1,102.62 U
2/20/11	\$2,226	\$1,662	\$564 under	\$16,141.38	\$17,808	\$1,666.62 U
2/27/11	\$2,226	\$1,800	\$426 under	\$1,7941.38	\$20,034	\$2,092.62 U
Totals	\$8,904.	\$8,073		\$17,941.38	\$20,034	\$2092.62 U

The following table is a summary of current giving and expenses for this calendar year of 2011. These figures reflect the day-to-day operation of our church, and provide an overview of our current financial status. If you need an idea of how to evaluate these numbers, imagine how your own checkbook and bank statements work: you know how much income you have - you know how much you spent - and you can then determine how things are going. Thank you all for the wondrous support of Bridgewater Presbyterian Church.

Total Income vs. Total Expenses

For the Month | **For the Year**

Month	Total income	Total Expense	Difference	Cumulative Income	Cumulative Expenses	Difference
Jan. 2011	\$10,507.12	\$10,215.70	+ \$291.42	\$10,507.12	\$10,215.70	+ \$291.42
Feb. 2011	\$9,203.27	\$11,079.28	-\$1,876.01	\$19,710.39	\$21,294.98	-\$1,584.59

Summary of Special Offerings Jan - Feb 2011

Special Offering	Date Received	"In"	"Out"	Recipient
Personal Hygiene Products	Jan – March 2011	Basket in Fellowship Hall	Will be delivered end of March	Our Community Place and First Step
Potato Bar Fundraiser 2011 (for BPC Youth to attend SPYCE retreat at Massanetta)	01/30/11	\$624.75	\$630.11 <i>(Education Comm. budget covered \$5.36 difference)</i>	Shenandoah Presbytery <i>(to offset their expenses for SYPCE retreat)</i>
Souper Bowl of Caring	02/06/11	\$159.00	\$159.00 + 22 boxes of cereal	Bridgewater Interchurch Food Pantry
Benevolence to Presbytery 2011 Asking: \$5,745.60	02/11	Total Rec'd to Date: \$50.00	Will be sent out in March	Shenandoah Presbytery
Memorial Fund	02/11	\$525.00	\$0.0	Current Balance in Memorial Fund: \$1,760.00 <i>(includes Nancy Price, Jean Allen and Penny Thompson Memorial contributions)</i>
2 ¢ - a - Meal	02/20/11	\$240.40	\$60.10	B'water Interchurch Food Pantry (25%)
			\$180.30	Shen. Presb./Operation Hunger (75%)

A Note From Kerry

Not long ago, I watched a news story about a faith healer in Charlotte, NC. The TV reporter professed a desire to present an honest report, and I think she did a B+ job. The faith healer/pastor in the story is quite different from what most of us are used to seeing. He is evangelical and Pentecostal in the presentation of the Gospel, and he had a very large following of passionate believers. The news story took place at a three-day revival and healing service.

The reporter zeroed in on two participants who had come to the event seeking healings. One was in a wheelchair,

the other battling terminal cancer. In both cases, the medical community had done all that was possible - the man in the wheelchair would never walk again and the woman with cancer was soon going to die. Each of these folks were presented by the reporter as "coming here as a last resort."

At the end of the program, the man in the wheelchair left in his wheelchair, and the mom apparently wasn't healed either, as a follow-up stated after being in contact the family, the cancer had gotten worse.

Another hoax revealed?
Maybe.

In the midst of doing the story, the reporter had developed a relationship with the man seeking to be able to walk again, and at the end of the event, the reporter knelt by the man's wheelchair, and surprisingly, he placed his hand upon her head, and prayed for her. She said she felt something pass from him to her. She closed the program saying that she had come away with a deeper sense of faith - that something, though she wasn't quite sure what, had happened.

Which makes me wonder: What is our response when we come to God at our wit's end, facing certain oblivion, burdened too heavily by life, and then have our hopes, our prayers, go un-answered?

Shouldn't the man seeking to have his legs restored to health be angry at God, or at least at that faith healer pastor? Shouldn't the family who had invested time and money to bring their mom there at least asked to get their money back? Why would the man in the wheelchair say, as he was leaving, "I guess it wasn't my time just yet"?

**"I guess
it wasn't
my time
just yet."**

I, like the journalist, sometimes question faith healers. Oh, I have seen their TV shows, heard their stories, seen some fall from Grace. I have an inkling of who they

might be. To be straight up with you, I believe that Faith heals, but I don't believe in faith healers. Perhaps that is my loss.

During taping, the cameras scanned the congregation/audience, and there were

hundreds, maybe a thousand, believers there. Things were happening. It seems too hard to discount the collective faith of those gathered - those who were healed, and those who were not. So it comes back to my question, "What is our response when we come to God and do not get what we asked for?"

I have said this before, and will say it again: Faith is a journey. I am hopeful that I can somehow, in the face of adversity, reply as that one man did, "I guess it wasn't my time just yet." His request and reply moves me to remember a similar request and reply, "Father, if it be Your will, let this cup pass from me. Yet, not my will, but your Will, be done." (Matt. 26:39)

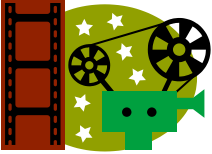
Within that congregation/audience lives were changed. Are they changed because crutches are no longer needed or that medication no longer be taken? Or, are they changed because people are open to the Will and Presence of God - the idea that we are fully whole when we know and follow and serve God and others despite our own personal standing? Isn't that a sign of a healing of faith?

A prayer for us, "Father, search me (and us) and know me (and us), and in that all that I (and we) do, Your Will is followed."

Peace to you all,

Kerry





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

If your answer is "Yes," I would like to invite those in our congregation who are quite busy with life and vocation and children, to set aside one Friday evening in April. If you can do that, I would like to invite you to a Friday Movie Night. Here is what we will do: Arrive after dinner at BPC, bring your fold up camping/picnic chairs or something comfortable for you to sit upon for a bit, bring some drinks and snacks to share, and bring your minds as well. We will show a movie (not from Disney or Pixar or such), and watch it together. Afterwards, let us talk about the film, as adults are sometimes wont to do. Sound interesting to you all? Let me know. Thanks, Kerry.

Potpourri

The Pastor is Away

Kerry will be on the PCM Spring Break Mission Trip to Nashville March 5-13. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, contact Sally during church office hours (828-2442) or Assistant Clerk of Session Betsy Glendye any other time (828-3694).

On March 6th we will welcome Rev. Patricia Hunt to the pulpit. Pat was the chaplain to Mary Baldwin College for 25 years and has served churches in West Virginia & Tennessee. She is a graduate of both Wake Forest University and Union Presbyterian Seminary. She has a son and daughter.

Maundy Thursday - April 21

This special day on our church calendar is one of the highlights of our church year. It is why we celebrate the Eucharist (Communion). This year, our Maundy Thursday observance is taking a different path. We will gather together in homes, just as Jesus did, to remember the Last Supper. Please make every effort to take your place at the table. Look for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in April.

Don't forget to turn your clocks
FORWARD one hour at bedtime
on Saturday, March 12th.



March V.I.P.'s

ACOLYTES

- 6 Wesley Eichlin
- 13 Kyle Eichlin
- 20 Katie McElroy
- 27 Lauren West

GREETERS

- 6 Gary & Mary Kay Adams
- 13 David & Judy Rees
- 20 Steve & Pat Humphreys
- 27 JC & Carla Enterline

USHERS

- 6 Merrill Simon & JC Enterline
- 13 Steve Humphreys & Dana Eichlin
- 20 Emily Heatwole & David Rees
- 27 Gracie Florence & Karen Leigh

FLOWERS

To share flowers, sign the poster **on the information kiosk** in the Fellowship Hall or call Sally at 828-2442.

NURSERY

- 6 Alison McElroy & family
- 13 Emily Heatwole & Sarah Simon
- 20 Dana Eichlin & family
- 27 Chris Foster & Kyle Eichlin



LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2011



March 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord

Guest: Rev. Patricia Hunt

Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2, 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9



March 13 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Communion

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11



March 20 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4 Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17



March 27 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1-11 John 4; 5-42



Committees Meet:

~ **Building & Grounds** hopes to meet after worship on March 6th.

~ **Resource** meets on Monday, March 14th at 7:00 at McQuilkins

~ **SUPER TUESDAY** is March 15th at 6:15 p.m. for everyone interested in **Mission, Member Care, Spiritual Life and Christian Education**.



MARCH 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6:00 TOPS	2 6:30 Scouts 6:45 Choir	3	4 World Day of Prayer	5
<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 6 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Guest: Rev. Pat Hunt	7	8 6:00 TOPS Pancakes @ COB Lunch & Supper	9 Ash Wednesday 6:45 Choir	10	11 Gladys Austin turns 98!	12 Turn clocks FORWARD one hour tonight
Lent 1 13 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship - <i>Communion</i> 3:30 – 7:30 YOUTH to Tinkling Spring	14 7:00 Resource @ McQuilkins'	15 6:00 TOPS SUPER TUESDAY	16 10:30 Lunch <u>Bunch #6</u> 6:30 Scouts 6:45 Choir	17	18	19 2:00 Memorial Service for Penny @ Carter Center
Lent 2 20 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship BIRTHDAY LUNCH 4:00 - Session	21	22 6:00 TOPS	23 6:45- 8:00 Choir	24	25 YOUTH LOCK IN	7-12 26 INDOOR YARD SALE
Lent 3 27 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	28	29 6:00 TOPS	30 6:30 Scouts 6:45 Choir	31		On Sunday, April 3 the Men are making Breakfast!

FH=Fellowship Hall; S=Sanctuary; JL=Journeyland; O=Office; COB=Church of the Brethren.
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Spring Break Mission Trip to Nashville.
Please keep the group in prayer.