# The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

**OCTOBER 2024**

Monthly Newsletter

*Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others*

## WNC PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Session of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church will host the WNC Presbytery Meeting at our church on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Churches from all over this Presbytery will be represented and their elected commissioners (Elders, usually two or three from each church) will vote on business that comes before the meeting. Our Pastor, Keith Thompson, will deliver the sermon followed by Communion. A business meeting will follow. Lunch will be served in Davidson River Hall.

Our prayers are with our community and the surrounding areas as, together, we try to find a normalcy after this devasting storm. God be with you and your families and please reach out to your neighbors, your friends, and your church family during this time of hardship and heartbreak. With God as our helper in this time of trouble, I pray that you find that hope that is beyond our understanding. **Please know that this newsletter may contain events and info that may no longer be relevant depending on circumstances.**

**Monthly Scripture:**

[26] "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. [27] What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Matthew 10:26,27

# October Preaching Schedule

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| Oct. 6 | Luke 10:25-37 | World Communion Sunday, "Which Version?", Keith Thompson |
| Oct. 13 | Colossians 2:1-7 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday, "Knit Together for Good", Keith Thompson |
| Oct. 20 | | Scottish Music Sunday |
| Oct. 27 | John 1:10-14, Matthew 28:16-20 | "The Questions God Hears Most", Keith Thompson |

# *Kirkin' O' the Tartan – In Legend and History . . .*

**From: https://kirkinthehills.org/about/kirkin-o-the-tartan/**

**THE HISTORY…** The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, an Act of Proscription was passed with the intention to subdue the vanquished Highlanders – along with the Dress Act of 1746 – banning the wearing by men and boys of "highland dress," namely: "*the Plaid (belted large piece of fabric), Philabeg, or little Kilt, Trowse, Shoulder-belts, or any part whatever of what peculiarly belongs to the Highland Garb; and that no tartan or party-coloured plaid of stuff shall be used for Great Coats or upper coats.*"

**As the Legend Goes…** This Act prompted the stubborn Scots to carry with them secretly a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk. It was said that the Scottish Highlanders would touch the hidden piece of tartan piece of cloth under their clothes when minister slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans, thus rededicating themselves to God and their Scottish heritage. The prohibition against tartans lasted for 36 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

**The First Kirkin'…** The Kirkin' O' the Tartan service was created or "revived" during World War II by Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Marshall was originally from southwest Scotland and in 1943 became the first Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

In the spring of 1941, to encourage Scottish Americans to sign up to fight on behalf of Great Britain and as a fundraiser for British war relief, Marshall – along with the Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C. – recreated the Kirkin' O' the Tartans ceremony to instill pride among Scottish Americans and their Scottish homeland. The ceremony was at that time held in Presbyterian churches of Scottish heritage across the U.S.

**Today…** The celebration is not limited to Presbyterian churches but is found in Episcopalian, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other denominations worldwide.

**THE PIPES ARE COMING!** The Kirkin' o' the Tartans will take place on Sunday, October 13th, during both worship services. We'll have Brunch served at 9:30 AM in Davidson River Hall. We need tartan carriers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the west foyer between the narthex and Davidson River Hall on October 6th. If you have any questions or cannot sign-up to carry a tartan in person, please contact:

Mary Johnson by phone at (828) 877-4317 or by email at majohnson2@comporium.net.

A rehearsal for the tartan carriers will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at 9:00 AM in Davidson River Hall and the sanctuary.

# 2024 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

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| **ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION**<br><br>**Personnel Ministry Team**<br>Mike Stewart, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Richard Black, Elder<br>Keith Thompson, Staff<br><br>**Property Ministry Team**<br>Richard Black, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Carlton Ward, Elder<br>Danny Hollingsworth, Elder<br>Gregg Hall, Staff<br><br>**Interior Design Subcommittee**<br>Janet Saucier, Chair | **CHURCH FAMILY DIVISION**<br><br>**Membership Ministry Team**<br>Rick Clark, Chair/ Elder<br><br>**Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team**<br>Richard Ambler, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Ginny Bradford, Elder<br><br>**Kitchen Subcommittee**<br>Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder | **OUTREACH DIVISION**<br><br>**Outreach Ministry Team**<br>Mike Stewart, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Danny Hollingsworth, Elder<br>Frank Porter, Elder<br>John Allemeier, Elder |
| **FINANCE DIVISION**<br><br>**Finance Ministry Team**<br>Frank Porter, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Frank Anderson, Elder<br>John Allemeier, Elder<br><br>**Generosity Ministry Team**<br>Frank Anderson, Lead Elder<br>Danny Hollingsworth, Elder<br>Keith Thompson, Staff | **COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**<br><br>**Publicity Ministry Team**<br>Janice Hiner, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Carlton Ward, Elder<br>Tammy Nye, Staff<br><br>**Information Technology Subcommittee**<br>Frank Anderson, Chair/Elder<br>Tammy Nye, Staff | **PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL DIVISION**<br><br>**Preschool Ministry Team**<br>Richard Ambler, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Hayden Pollack, Elder<br>Casey Barrow, Staff<br>Keith Thompson, Staff |
| **CARE GIVING DIVISION**<br><br>**Board of Deacons**<br>Ann Hinze, Co-Chair<br>Jo Stewart, Co-Chair | **SPIRITUAL LIFE DIVISION**<br><br>**Worship Ministry Team**<br>Janice Hiner, Chair/Elder<br>Michael Helman, Staff<br>Keith Thompson, Staff<br><br>**Christian Education Ministry Team**<br>Hayden Pollack, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Frank Anderson, Elder<br>Rick Clark, Elder<br><br>**Earth Care Subcommittee**<br>Martha Spencer, Chair | **STANDING COMMITTES OF THE SESSION**<br><br>**Committee on Ministry**<br>Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder<br><br>**Garden of Remembrance Trustees**<br>John Stroup, Chair<br><br>**Nominating Committee**<br>Ginny Bradford, Chair/Lead Elder<br>Janice Hiner, Elder |

## Music Ministry Update

# B-DRPC 2024-25 Concert Series

Here is the line-up for our 2024-25 Concert Series:

**Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 pm – Winthrop University Chorale**
The Chorale, the principal touring choir among the ensembles in the Department of Music, consists of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students, more than half of whom are music majors and minors. The Chorale has given invitational performances at state and Southern Division conferences of the American Choral Directors Association and the South Carolina Music Educators Association. This year the Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform a concert entitled The Road Home, centering on traveling through the journey of life. *See below for an opportunity to help.*

**Sunday, December 8 at 11:00 am – Carols of the British Isles**
B-DRPC Chancel choir with chamber orchestra will present a program of well-known, traditional English, Irish and Welsh Christmas carols. The program will include Sussex Carol, Rejoice and Be Merry, and a medley of carols arranged by Mark Hayes. Be sure to bring a friend to this joyous concert of carols from the British Isles.

**Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 pm – Four Hands in Motion**
Michael Helman and Tim Shepherd will present a program of keyboard music for two players. Music will include selections for four-hand piano, organ and piano duets as well as four-hand organ.

**Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm – Blue Ridge Ringers**
The Blue Ridge Ringers is an auditioned community handbell ensemble founded in 1995. The ringers are from western North Carolina and upper South Carolina. They will be presenting a varied program of arrangements, transcriptions, and original compositions for handbells. They ring with five octaves of bells and chimes.

**Concert Sponsorship**

In order to keep our concerts free to our members and the public, we are asking you to be a sponsor of the series. Sponsorship levels can be found below. Consider being a patron of the arts here at B-DRPC.

Concert Series Sponsorship
Bronze Level - $50 - $100 Silver Level - $101 - $250
Gold Level - $251 - $500 Platinum Level - $501 - $750

HOSTS NEEDED: We are looking for people to host the singers of the Winthrop Chorale on Thursday night, October 17th. You would need to house them overnight and give them breakfast the next morning. If you would be willing to open your home to a couple of these students, please call Michael Helman at the church office or email him at music@bdrpc.org.

# GLIMPSES FROM OUR B-DRPC HISTORY

## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

*From Member, Lisanne Masterson*

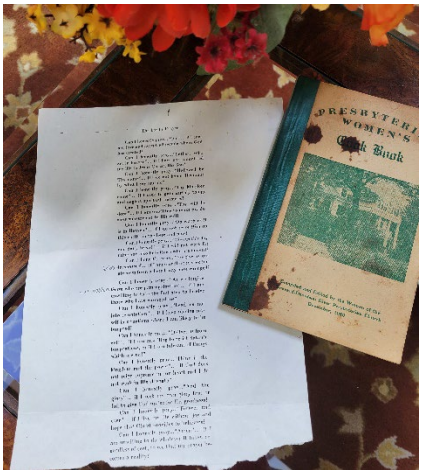
*The included poem came with no author, but it is a poem that Lisanne has had for many, many years as well as the B-DRPC recipe book that shows the evidence of being well loved and used. I have included a picture of the book and poem below and have also included a couple of recipes from the book and an easier to read version of the powerful poem. Both the recipe book and the poem are located in the Church Office until we find a place to keep them.*

### WATER HORSES

1 cup shortening
1 ¼ pkgs. Yeast
5 egg yolks
¼ cup lukewarm water
1 tsp. salt
3 ½ cups sifted flour
¾ cup sweet cream

Add yeast to lukewarm water. Cut shortening into salted flour. Add beaten egg yolks, cream, dissolved yeast and mix well. Put dough in wet tea towel and tie at top. Put in large pan and cover with cold water. Let stand until the dough floats, about 2 hours. Mix 1 ½ cups sugar with 2 teaspoons dough onto sugar and pat thin, turning to have sugar on both sides. Roll into a horn. Put on greased cookie sheet and let rise 15 to 30 minutes. Bake in 350 deg. Oven for about 17 minutes. To reheat, put in 350 deg. Oven for about 7 minutes.

*Anita Macfie*



### PECAN PIE

3 eggs slightly beaten

Add:
1 ½ cups sugar
1 tbsp. flour
1 ½ cups syrup
2 tbsps. Melted butter
1 tbsp. vanilla

Pour in 10-inch pastry tin lined with your flakiest pastry. Place pecans on top or add to mixture. Bake at 400 deg. For 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 300 deg. And bake for 45 minutes or until the mixture sets.

*Anne Benson Priest*

### The Lord's Prayer
*with modifications by an unknown author*

Can I honestly pray … "Our" … if I cannot love and accept all people whom God has created?

Can I honestly pray… "Father, Who art in heaven" … if I have not committed my life to Jesus Christ, His Son?

Can I honestly pray… "Hallowed be Thy name" … if I do not honor His name by what I say and do?

Can I honestly pray… "Thy kingdom come" … if I seek to gain earthly things and neglect spiritual treasures?

Can I honestly pray… "Thy will be done" … if I am unwilling to make my desires subservient to His will?

Can I honestly pray… "On earth as it is in Heaven" … if I do not serve Him on this earth, in the here and now?

Can I honestly pray… "Give us this day our daily bread" … if I will not work for mine and also help those who are in need?

Can I honestly pray… "Forgive us our debts" … if I am unwilling to seek forgiveness from others I may have wronged?

Can I honestly pray… "As we forgive our debtors" … if I am unwilling to take the first step to forgive those who have wronged me?

Can I honestly pray…" Lead us not into temptation"… if I keep placing myself in situations where I am likely to be tempted?

Can I honestly pray… "Deliver us from evil" … if I am unwilling to resist Satan's temptations, or if I am tolerant of things which are evil?

Can I honestly pray… "Thine is the kingdom and the power" … if God does not reign supreme in my heart and I do not work in His strength?

Can I honestly pray… "And the glory" … if I seek my own glory first or fail to give God praise for His goodness?

Can I honestly pray… "Forever and ever" … if I live my life without joy and hope that Christ provides to believers?

Can I honestly pray… "Amen" … if I am unwilling to do whatever it takes, regardless of cost, to see that my prayer becomes a reality?

# OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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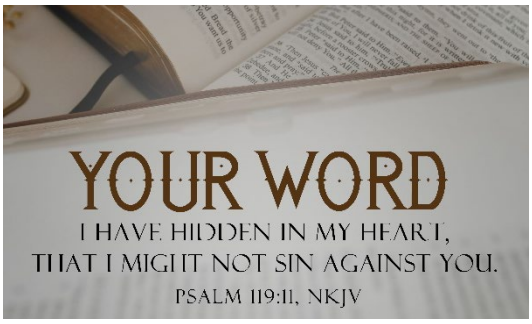
| | | 1<br>Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm | 2<br>WOW – 9 am<br>Christian Education MT 4:30 pm<br>Chancel Choir 6:30 pm | 3<br>Sarah Ruth Cir. 10:30 am<br>Mary Martha Cir. 1 pm | 4 | 5 |
| 6<br>Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am<br>**Communion** | 7 | 8<br>Preschool MT, 12:30 pm<br>Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm | 9<br>WOW – 9 am<br>*Chancel Choir 6:30 pm* | 10<br>Worship 1 pm<br>Publicity MT 2 pm | 11<br>Church Family Fellowship MT 9 am | 12<br>**Kirkin' o' the Tartans Rehearsal.** |
| 13<br>Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am<br>**Kirkin o' the Tartan Sunday** | 14<br>Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm<br>Staff Meeting 1:30 pm<br>Membership MT, 3 pm | 15<br>Property MT 9:30 am<br>Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm<br>**Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm** | 16<br>WOW – 9 am<br>Estate Planning<br>*Peace of Mind*, 2 pm<br>*Chancel Choir 6:30 pm* | 17<br>**Winthrop University Choir – Concert Series, 7 pm** | 18<br>Session Stated Meeting 10 am (Lounge) | 19 |
| 20<br>Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am<br>**Daily Change Offering** | 21 | 22<br>PWP Parent Meeting, 11 am<br>Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm | 23<br>WOW – 9 am<br>*Chancel Choir 6:30 pm* | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27<br>Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am | 28<br>Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm<br>Staff Meeting 1:30 pm | 29<br>**PRESBYTERY OF WNC Meeting**<br>Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm | 30<br>WOW – 9 am<br>*Chancel Choir 6:30 pm* | 31<br>**Photo Make Up Day** | **MT stands for Ministry Team, WOW – Women on Wednesdays** | |

## OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Lois Maurer – October 2nd
- Bill & Margaret Riecke – October 3rd
- Landon Deal – October 4th
- Grayson Kelley – October 4th
- Leslie Cole – October 4th
- Carlo Colombo – October 5th
- Jim Ansley – October 6th
- Miles Johnson – October 7th
- Kay Fleming – October 9th
- Ed & Stephanie Ramsey – October 11th
- Cindy Trowbridge – October 11th
- Woodie Dyches – October 12th
- Matt Huggins – October 13th
- Wilda Strigo – October 14th
- Danielle Colombo – October 14th
- Chris Bergner – October 14th
- Arlene Murphy – October 15th
- Ray Tuers – October 15th
- Keith Thompson – October 16th
- Charlie Steele – October 17th
- Ezra Greene – October 17th
- David & Catherine Nielsen – October 18th
- Richard Black – October 19th
- Nathan & Emilie Johnson – October 19th
- Sue Macoy – October 19th
- Ruth Ellen Polito – October 20th
- Dorothy Knowles – October 21st
- David Trowbridge – October 21st
- Linda Dense – October 22nd
- Fred Nebrig – October 22nd
- Margaret Riecke – October 22nd
- Edwin Jones – October 23rd
- Margaret Selle – October 23rd
- Jim Farley – October 24th
- Elsie Ann Thompson – October 24th
- Bill Born – October 25th
- Art & Leslie Cole – October 26th
- Sandy Matheny – October 27th
- Ellie Mercer – October 27th
- Sam McManus – October 29th
- John Allemeier – October 30th
- Steve Letterman – October 30th
- Stephen & Hayden Pollack – October 30th
- Jeannie Smith – October 30th
- Jimmie & Sandy Howell – October 31st
- Jordan Masterson – October 31st

# JUST FOR FUN

## RIDDLE:
**Why Is A Football Stadium Always Cold?**




## Trust in the Lord

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
*Psalm 146:3*

Did you know that Jesus used the Psalms as a prayer book and quoted the Psalms more than any other book in the Old Testament? The Psalms elicit a variety of emotions in us: fear, anger, gratitude, despair, joy, and praise. They give us permission to feel our feelings and allow us to be real in expressing our feelings toward God. Verse 3 cautions readers about putting trust in temporary mortals instead of trusting in the just and steadfast God. The bulk of this psalm bears witness to the benefit of putting trust and hope in the one who reigns forever.

Whether you memorize the Psalms, read them daily, or even read them occasionally, there are words in the Psalms for us. God wants us to know God's words, to write them on our hearts and have them be part of who we are and how we live our lives.

*Redeemer God, help us to put our trust in You. Amen.*

*Gina Struensee, Menasha, Wisconsin (Taken from THESE DAYS – Daily Devotions for Living by Faith.)*

## ANSWER:
**It Has Lots of Fans!**