The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 2025

Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

Approximately 170 Presbyterians enjoying a lunch of Chicken Pot Pie at the 141st Presbytery Meeting.

SESSION NEWS

Our church hosted the 141st Meeting of the Presbytery of WNC on Saturday, January 25, 2025. There were approximately 170 people registered for this event including Presbytery staff, committee chairs and members, retired pastors, Commissioners from each church, and visitors. Our Pastor, Dr. Keith Thompson, delivered the sermon during the worship service entitled "Four Months Later". Many B-DRPC volunteers, including all Session members worked in parking, welcoming, baking, dishwashing and volunteering in the kitchen. A light breakfast was served, lunch was provided and a reception for retiring Cam Murchison, Stated Clerk, and newly elected Ann Philbrick, Stated Clerk, was held following the meeting. A special thank-you to Gregg Hall, Facilities Manager and Carol Hall, who helped in every area of the church before, during and after. As well as to Tammy Nye, Office Manager, for signage and bulletins for the worship service.

The Presbytery of WNC is comprised of twenty-three counties in the western part of NC. Presbyterian Churches who are part of PC-USA are members of this Presbytery. Sessions of each church elect either two or three Commissioners who are elders of that church to represent the church at the Presbytery meeting where they participate in the business that comes before the meeting and vote on various matters that are presented.

There are four Presbytery meetings each year located around the area. Meetings are in January, April, July, and October. The April meeting is usually held at Montreat Conference Center near Black Mountain, NC. The October meeting which B-DRPC was supposed to host was canceled this past year due to Hurricane Helene. We were asked to host, and accepted, the January meeting which is normally held by zoom but an exception was made this year. Your Session previously hosted a Presbytery meeting, pre zoom, in July of 2019.

Feedback from volunteers and staff would be helpful for future meetings. Again, a special thanks to all who participated in this Presbytery meeting!

Monthly Scripture: I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. *Colossians 2:1-3*

February Preaching Schedule

Feb. 2	John 14:1-9	"When Seeing Isn't Believing"/Communion
Feb. 9	Luke 5:1-11	"In The Deep End"
Feb. 16	Luke 6:17-26	Two Part Miniseries on Luke's Shorter Version of The Sermon on the Mount/Daily Change
Feb. 23	Luke 6:27-38	Part Two of Above

2025 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION

Personnel Ministry Team
Jack Britt, Chair/Lead Elder
Richard Black, Elder
Freddie Hart, Elder
Keith Thompson, Staff

Property Ministry Team
Richard Black, Chair/Lead Elder
Carlton Ward, Elder
Gregg Hall, Staff

Interior Design Subcommittee
Janet Saucier, Chair

CHURCH FAMILY DIVISION

Membership Ministry Team
Richard Clark, Chair/Lead Elder
Freddie Hart, Elder

Church Family Fellowship Ministry Team
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder

Kitchen Subcommittee
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder

OUTREACH DIVISION

Outreach Ministry Team
Frank Porter, Chair/Lead Elder
Gary Seacat, Elder
Richard Black, Elder
John Allemeier, Elder

FINANCE DIVISION

Finance Ministry Team
John Allemeier, Chair/Lead Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder
Frank Porter, Elder

Generosity Ministry Team
Frank Anderson, Lead Elder
Keith Thompson, Staff

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Publicity Ministry Team
Janice Hiner, Chair/Lead Elder
Carlton Ward, Elder
Tammy Nye, Staff

Information Technology Subcommittee
Frank Anderson, Chair/Elder
Tammy Nye, Staff

Photographer: Frank Porter

PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL DIVISION

Preschool Ministry Team
Hayden Pollack, Chair/Lead Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder
Casey Barrow, Staff
Keith Thompson, Staff

CARE GIVING DIVISION

Board of Deacons
Ann Hinze, Chair

SPIRITUAL LIFE DIVISION

Worship Ministry Team
Janice Hiner, Chair/Lead Elder
Gary Seacat, Elder
Michael Helman, Staff
Keith Thompson, Staff

Christian Education Ministry Team
Hayden Pollack, Chair/Lead Elder
Frank Anderson, Elder
Rick Clark, Elder
John Allemeier, Elder

Earth Care Subcommittee
Judith West, Chair

STANDING COMMITTES OF THE SESSION

Committee on Ministry
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Elder

Garden of Remembrance Trustees
John Stroup, Chair

Nominating Committee
Ginny Bradford, Chair/Lead Elder
Janice Hiner, Elder

B-DRPC 2024-25 Concert Series

Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 pm – Four Hands in Motion

Sunday, February 9th at 3 PM B-DRPC Concert Series will present Michael Helman, Director of Music at B-DRPC and Tim Shepherd, Director of Music at First United Methodist Church in 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. Pieces will include "Sonata in D major" written for four-hand piano by Mozart, an arrangement of Pachelbel's "Canon in D," and hymn tune arrangements for organ and piano duet by various contemporary arrangers. The program will end with an organ duet on the dynamic "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by Sousa. This will be an enjoyable experience you won't want to miss!

Mark, Your Calendar!

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.

To keep our concerts free for 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

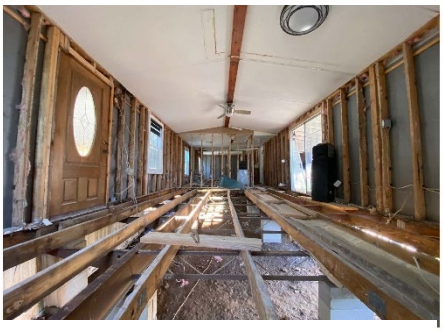
Bronze Level - $50 - $100 Silver Level - $101 - $250
Gold Level - $251 - $500 Platinum Level - $501 - $750

An Additional Concert Opportunity:

Sunday, March 9 at 3:00 PM Brevard Philharmonic will present a program called *Chamber Strings*
This is a separate ticketed event, and tickets can be purchased through the Philharmonic website or at the door.

SPECIAL DONATION

The Outreach Ministry Team recently made a $10,000 donation to Housing Assistance Corporation to sponsor a local family that suffered significant damage to their home from hurricane Helene. See the email and attachment below addressed to John Allemeier, an elder for the Outreach Ministry Team. The funds will fill a funding gap for repairs to their home. This is in addition to our $25,000 donation to Habitat, bringing our total hurricane relief donations from Outreach to $35,000.



As a result of the storm damage, the home is uninhabitable at present. The extensive flood damage several feet into the structure will require much of the interior to be repaired and replaced, as well as the infrastructure located below the home. Because of its location in the floodplain, it will likely need to be elevated within the next three years to avoid future damage.

Letter from the Housing Assistance Corporation:

Hi John,

On behalf of the Housing Assistance Corporation and the Transylvania County Community, we are deeply humbled by and grateful for your congregation's compassionate generosity.

Your Outreach Committee's willingness to step forward in this time of need will bring hope and tangible relief to those striving to rebuild after Hurricane Helene.

Through the love and dedication of faith communities like yours, our neighbors find strength and resilience in the face of such adversity. Thank you for being a beacon of hope in this recovery journey.

I have attached details of the funding gap and photos of the property proposed for sponsorship on Old Hendersonville Hwy.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions that may arise. I am looking forward to working with you all!

Jennifer Kelly,
Resource Development Manager for Housing Assistance Corporation, Hendersonville, NC

LETTER FROM DOUG TILTON – DECEMBER 2024

THE LORD HAS COME

Doug Tilton, Mission Co-worker for the people of South Africa, including Madagascar, sends this Christmas greeting. (Summarized)

These are some of the ways the PC (USA) has been accompanying partners in Southern Africa, as they engage in inspiring and vital ministries. Last month, I was pleased to visit one of the new teacher training colleges, opened by the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (EBM) to prepare teachers for its 700+ schools, seeing how the Evidence Based Methods of Instruction (EBM)are now being mainstreamed in the teacher training curriculum. It was a joy to visit the FJKM Fruit Center to see the thriving mano orchards, to visit a number of area farmers who have learned new grafting techniques, and to see the new building which serves as a sales point for fruit and trees.

I also helped facilitate participation via Zoom of members of the West Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force in an Open Day on Human Trafficking organized by the Chaplaincy Program of the FJKM to raise awareness of trafficking concerns among Theological students.

Doug also relates the ongoing efforts to complete the merger of the Office of General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Little is known about the nature of changes being made. If you have input regarding these changes, go to feedback@pcusa. Org to address how you have seen God working through the PC (USA)'s international relationships.

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Circles are small group Bible studies and fellowship times available for all Presbyterian Women. **Sarah Ruth Circle** will meet on February 6th at 10:30 AM **in the Church Lounge due to illness at College Walk**. Joan Smith will lead us in lesson 5, "Air Quality" in our study, *Let Justice Roll Down*. We welcome newcomers . . . even if you just want to visit for one time. **Mary Martha Circle** will meet on February 6th at 1 PM in the Church Lounge.

Christian Education Ministry Team

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IN FEBRUARY . . .

The **FAITH AND LIFE Adult Sunday School Class** continues their study of some of the Old Testament's books with teacher, Larry Sitton. The class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 AM in Davidson River Room, just off Davidson River Hall. Visitors are always welcome!

The **SEARCHERS Adult Sunday School Class** meets on Sundays in Room ED 9 at 9:45 AM. Trusting in the work of the Holy Spirit and following a format of answering three simple questions, the class reads and shares thoughts about one of the scriptures assigned for the week in the Revised Common Lectionary. Each week, a member of the class volunteers to provide background to the scriptures and facilitate the discussion. Join us!

The Sunday School Offerings will go to The Haven Homeless Shelter in February.

IN THE NEWSPAPER!

Mrs. Martha West is shown being guided onto the hydraulic lift of the "Ironside" van by Kenneth McCall of the Recreation Department.

Spotted in The Transylvania Times, January 27th, 2025, issue under their "Glancing Back" Section: This is a photo of B-DRPC member Faye Paden's mom, Martha West. It is when Transylvania County first got the "Ironside" van to assist with the elderly and people with disabilities.

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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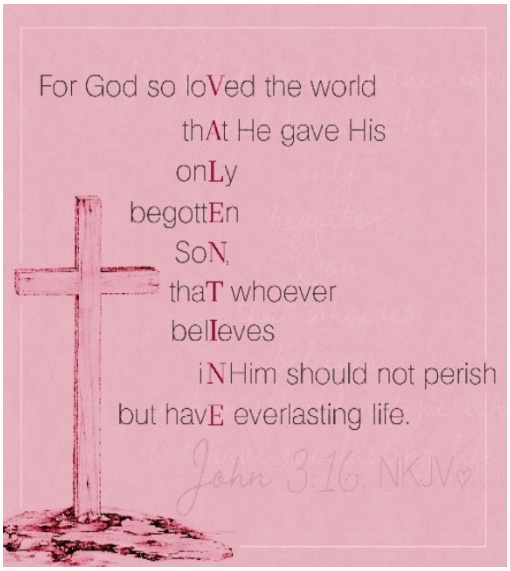
MT stands for Ministry Team, WOW – Women on Wednesdays ****Please note, if your monthly meeting isn't on this calendar – we haven't heard from your chair regarding when your meetings are scheduled. Please contact the Church Office.****						
2 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Communion Deacons Meeting after 11 AM service BBQ Ticket Sales	3 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 PM	4 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	5 WOW – 9 am Christian Ed MT 4:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	6 Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle 1:00 PM	7	8 Pickup for BBQ 2-5
9 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Pickup BBQ Four Hands in Motion Concert 3 PM	10 Finance Ministry Team Meeting 3:00 PM	11 Worship MT, 1:00 pm Publicity MT 2:00 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	12 WOW – 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	13	14 Happy Valentines Day!	15
16 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Daily Change Offering	17 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	18 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm	19 WOW – 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	20	21 Session Stated Meeting 10 am (Lounge)	22
26 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	27	28 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	29 WOW – 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	28	29	30

Anniversaries & Birthdays in . . .

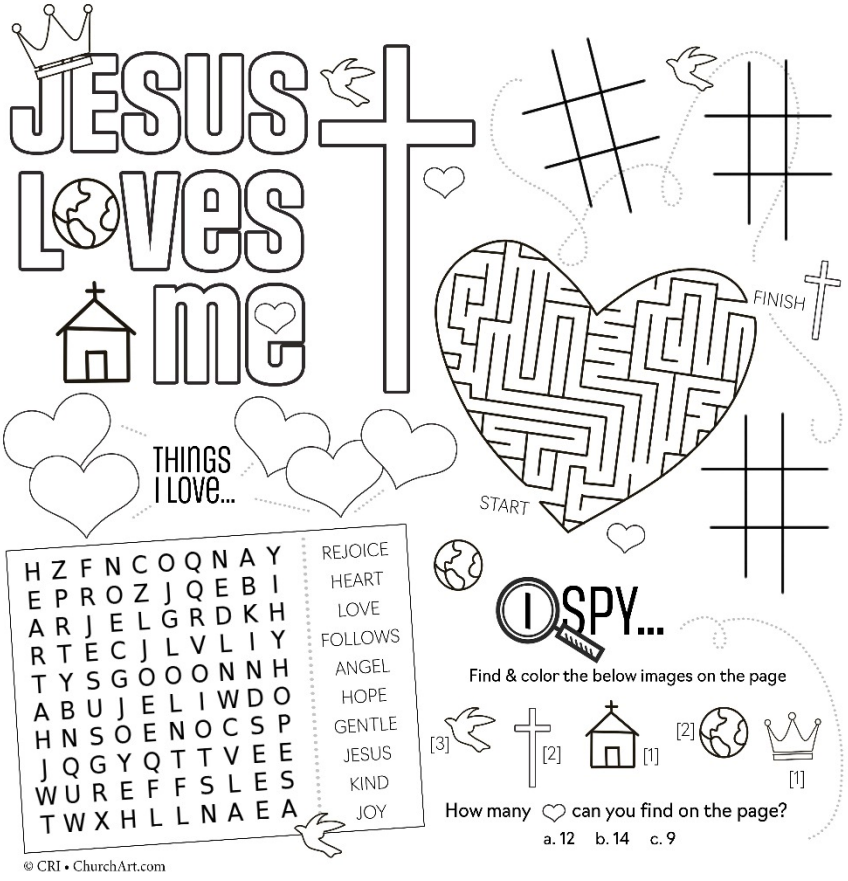
- Brandon Holmes – February 1st
- Ann Gerlach – February 2nd
- Sue Stickle – February 2nd
- Anne Jennings – February 2nd
- Jim & Celia Ansley – February 3rd
- Sue Heglar – February 4th
- Cullen Duval – February 8th
- Ed Baldridge – February 8th
- Don Monk – February 12th
- Dee Childress – February 15th
- Alexis Hancock – February 15th
- Kim Spencer – February 16th
- Marty Spencer – February 16th
- Davelyn Vinson – February 16th
- John Candler – February 17th
- John Vanderschaaf – February 18th
- Joe Ellenberger – February 18th
- Glenn Friedman – February 18th
- Brandon & Nora Holmes – February 18th
- Rod & Sharon Nunnelee – February 18th
- Travis Hancock – February 19th
- Doug & Cathie Odom – February 19th
- Terry Platter – February 20th
- Marcia Born – February 21st
- Richard Ambler – February 21st
- Bob Smith – February 22nd
- Janet Saucier – February 22nd
- Dick & Tina Benson – February 23rd
- Ginny Bradford – February 24th
- Tom Purdy – February 24th
- Lavonne Ellis – February 24th
- Ken Bodenhamer – February 27th



JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:

Why Can't Dalmatians Win At Hide And Seek?



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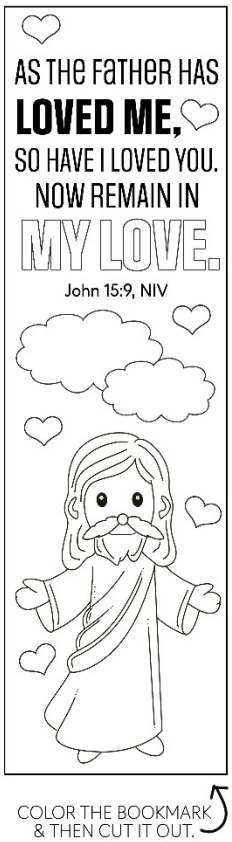

COLOR THE BOOKMARK & THEN CUT IT OUT.

HEART strings

Make this heartfelt craft as a decoration or gift.

What you need:

- Yarn
- Scissors
- Parchment paper
- Baking sheet
- Heart-shaped cookie cutters
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces.
2. Place cookie cutters atop a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
3. Combine cornstarch and water in a saucepan. Heat mixture over medium heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and cool to form a "glue."
4. Dip each piece of yarn into the mixture to coat completely. Squeeze off any excess.
5. Place yarn in the cookie cutters, allowing pieces to cross and loop within the heart. Add more until the cookie cutter is filled and the yarn looks like a heart.
6. Remove cookie cutters and bake the sheet for two hours at 150°F, or until hearts are dry and hard.

Answer:

Because They Are Always Spotted!