The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

MARCH 2025
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 4:00 PM on March 5, 2025, in the sanctuary. The imposition of ashes will be offered for those who desire them.

LENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS – Devotional booklets for Lent are available in the narthex and the east foyer. Please take one to use as a devotional guide for your journey through the Lenten season.

March Lenten Season Preaching Schedule

March 2	Luke 9:28-36	"Listening to Jesus" – Keith Thompson
March 9	Two Part Series	"Two Lost Brothers" – Part 1 – Keith Thompson
March 16	Two Part Series	"Two Lost Brothers" – Part 2 – Keith Thompson
March 23	Guest Preacher	Rev. Bob Edmunds
March 30	Luke 5:1-10	Keith Thompson

Monthly Scripture: Then I turned to the Lord God to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with **fasting** and sackcloth and ashes. Daniel 9:3

BREVARD PHILHARMONIC CONCERT - <u>Next Sunday</u>, <u>March 9th at 3 PM</u> the strings of the Brevard Philharmonic will present an afternoon of chamber music. This intimate concert will feature *String Symphony No. 2* of Felix Mendelssohn, the *Holberg Suite* by Edvard Grieg as well as pieces by Florence Price, Jean Sibelius, and Percy Granger. Join us for an afternoon of exquisite music in a setting that enhances every rich resonant note! Tickets are available at brevardphilharmonic.org *or* at the door.

2025 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION

Personnel Ministry Team
Jack Britt, Chair/Lead Elder
Richard Black, Elder
Freddie Hart, Elder
Frank Porter, 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
John Allemeier, Chair/Lead Elder
Gary Seacat, Elder
Richard Black, Elder

FINANCE DIVISION

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

Generosity Ministry Team
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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

Memorial Reception Chairs
Ann Hinze, Janet Saucier, Peggy Padgett

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

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Music Ministry Update

Brevard Philharmonic Presents

Chamber Strings

March 9th at 3:00 PM

In the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

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B-DRPC 2024-25 Concert Series

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.

B-DRPC
CONCERT SERIES

3/4 mp Concert Sponsorship

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

From Our B-DRPC Bookkeeper

Greetings All!

Most of you know me as the "money lady" who sits in the corner office and is entrusted with all of the many gifts you as members of this congregation so freely give. I consider this not just a job, but a calling. In the almost 10 years I have been here, it continues to inspire me as to how genuine and heartfelt your giving is. With that said, I want to present you with the 2024 summary of this congregation's stewardship beyond the dedicated pledging so many of you practice.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS – There are five official offerings of the PCUSA. Our church delivered as follows:

1.	One great hour of Sharing	$2,476
2.	Peacemaking Offering	$1,052
3.	Daily Change	$4,830
4.	Pentecost Offering	$1,218
5.	Christmas Joy	$3,025
		Total $12,601

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER – With both the church and community involvement, we sold Christmas wreaths to enhance needed supplies for our precious children.

Total $2,435

MUSIC PROGRAMS – We are so fortunate to have Michael at the helm of our music worship here. He and the Chancel Choir enrich us and the community with the weekly worship and community programs. The love offerings for both the brass concert and piano duo totaled: $1,101

Concert Series Total $4,675

DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND – None of us need to be reminded of the utter devastation Hurricane Helene wreaked on WNC. Everyone stepped up to the plate and made a profound impact toward helping those in dire need.

1.	Direct contributions to the restricted fund	$26,885
2.	Additional funds from our church to Habitat	$25,000
		Total $51,885

THANKSGIVING OFFERING – Each year we contribute to the Black Mountain Home for Youth.

Total $3,780

ALTERNATIVE GIVING – Each year during the Christmas Season we bless friends and family by giving to others in their name. There are both local and international charities to contribute to:

1.	Black Mountain Home	$6,180	6.	Heifer International	$375
2.	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	$575	7.	Guatemala Scholarships	$2,060
3.	Preschool Scholarships	$4,630	8.	Village Hope	$1,350
4.	The Haven	$1,210	9.	Microloans	$875
5.	Habitat for Humanity	$850	10.	Books for Reading	$385

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Each Sunday all year the Sunday School classes take up offering to be distributed to local charities on a monthly basis.

Total $3,914

GRAND TOTAL = $98.881

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

Blessings to you all from Pat Crosby, B-DRPC Bookkeeper

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 March 6th at 10:30 AM **in the Church Lounge due to illness at College Walk**. We always welcome newcomers. **Mary Martha Circle** welcomes new members and visitors to their monthly meeting on March 6th at 1 PM in the Church Lounge.

Christian Education Ministry Team

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IN MARCH . . .

The **FAITH AND LIFE Adult Sunday School Class** begins a new study:

Trouble – Right Here in River City:
The Seven Churches of Revelation Then and Now

Revelation begins with seven letters to seven Christian communities in the late First Century, some complimentary, most not so much. It seems there was Trouble, with a capital T, right there in "River City," as they say, trouble not too different from the trouble 21st Century churches experience.

What can we learn from their failings and frailties? What can we celebrate with them as well? Beginning Sunday, March 2 at 9:45 AM, you're invited to read someone else's mail and learn from their mistakes as we strengthen our witness to Jesus Christ in our churches today.

Join the Faith and Life Sunday school class at 9:45 AM as teacher, Bob Edmunds, leads this study in Davidson River Room, just of Davidson River Hall. Visitors and newcomers 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 Scout Troop 703.

Membership Ministry Team

Pictorial Directories – Have You Gotten Yours?

If not, please stop by the Church office during the week and see Tammy or Pat! One of us should be here between the hours of 9-noon, and 1-3 PM and we'll be happy to get one for you. If you are unable to pick one up during the week, please contact the Church Office at 884-2645.

Outreach Ministry Team

NOTES TO GUATEMALA SCHOLARS

Please consider writing a simple note of greeting and encouragement to our Guatemala Scholars who range from Primary Grades to University. You may drop them off in the Office Suite mailbox marked Guatemala Partnership Children. Please have them in the mailbox by March 19th so Judy Nebrig can pick them up before she leaves for Guatemala on March 20th.

Cris Hedgpeth, at the Salvation Army Luncheon on February 27th, receiving our Award for the most money raised in 2024 for Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Way to go B-DRPC Bell Ringers!

What is "The Season of Lent?"

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

Find out more at the PCUSA Website HERE
https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/theology-worship/worship/christian-year/season-lent

MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MT = Ministry Team, WOW = Women on Wednesdays CM = Committee Meeting						
2 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Communion**	3 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	4 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	5 WOW – 9 am Christian Ed MT 3:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 4:00 pm *Choir Rehearsal afterwards*	6 Sarah Ruth Circle 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle 1:00 PM	7 **Brevard Philharmonic Chamber Strings Rehearsal 7 pm**	8 **Brevard Philharmonic Chamber Strings Rehearsal 2 pm**
9 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Scout Troop 703 Pine Straw Sale **Brevard Philharmonic Concert, 3 PM**	10 Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Finance Ministry Team Meeting 3:00 PM	11 Earth Care CM, 11 am 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 Outreach MT 9:30 am	14	15
16 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Daily Change Offering**	17 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm St. Patrick's Day	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
23 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	24 Staff Meeting 1:30 pm	25 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	26 WOW – 9 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am	31					

Anniversaries & Birthdays in . . .

MARCH

- Debbie Webb – March 1st
- Sharon Ward – March 4th
- Thomas Nielsen – March 5th
- Doug Hart – March 8th
- Bill & Kay Fleming March 9th
- Mitch McCullers – March 9th
- Ann Hinze – March 10th
- Norm Masterson – March 11th
- Eloise Marable – March 11th
- Beth Champion – March 11th
- Martha Snow – March 11th
- Matthew Champion – March 13th
- Don Bieger & Dori Miller – March 14th
- George Poor – March 14th
- Jerre & Jane Kennedy – March 15th
- Bill & Eloise Marable – March 15th
- Peggy Hanson – March 17th
- Sherrill McCullers – March 18th
- Stephanie Ramsey – March 19th
- Benjamin Ramsey – March 20th
- Dick & Nancy Stricker – March 20th
- Everly Burchill – March 21st
- Charlie Landreth & Andi William – March 25th
- Mike Stewart – March 26th
- Meredith Baldridge – March 27th
- Frank Porter – March 27th
- Larry & Linda Goodwin – March 28th
- Larry & Carroll Sitton – March 28th
- Kevin Duval – March 30th
- Maggie McLauchlin – March 31st

Set Your Clocks Forward One Hour Before Going to Bed March 8th so you won't be late to church!

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:
Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

Answer:
Real Rocks are too Heavy!

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:
- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

What you do:
1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!

Holy Week
DAILY ACTIVITY GUIDE

Palm Sunday
Triumphant Entry
- **Reading:** Matthew 21:1-11
- **Activity:** Make palm crosses or a palm-themed craft.

Monday
Cleansing the Temple
- **Reading:** Mark 11:15-18
- **Activity:** Take a reflective walk, silently praying about what you wish to eliminate from your life or discussing obstacles that hinder your time with God.

Tuesday
Speaking in Parables
- **Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14
- **Activity:** Choose a Gospel and count how many parables Jesus uses. For a challenge, identify which parables are in each Gospel book.

Wednesday
Silent Wednesday
- **Reading:** Psalm 46
- **Activity:** Engage in a quiet challenge, focusing on prayer, Scripture or silent activities with minimal speaking.

Thursday
The Last Supper
- **Reading:** John 13:1-20
- **Activity:** Re-create a foot washing ceremony by washing each other's feet.

Good Friday
The Crucifixion
- **Reading:** Isaiah 53
- **Activity:** Draw, paint or write about the theme of sacrifice or caring.

Holy Saturday
Day of Preparation
- Reading: Luke 23:50-56
- Activity: Prepare for Easter by decorating or cooking traditional foods like bread.

Easter Sunday
Jesus Is Risen!
- Reading: John 20:1-18
- Activity: Celebrate the Resurrection with joy and fellowship by singing worship songs or sharing a meal.

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