The Communicator

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

APRIL 2025
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

Coming in April . . .

April 12th– **B-DRPC Preschool Easter Egg Hunt/Lunch**, 11:00 AM – Hot Dogs, Cookies, Cupcakes.
April 13th – **Palm Sunday Service**, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
April 15th – **Community-Wide Dinner**, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM, Menu: Meatloaf, Smashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, & Dessert

April 17th – **Maundy Thursday**, **Communion & Tenebrae Service**, 7:00 PM

April 20th – **Easter** – Join us to celebrate the Risen Christ! 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

April 27th – **Earth Care Sunday –** 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. *Daily Change will be collected this Sunday.*

Looking into May . . .

May 4th – B-DRPC Concert Series Presents **Blue Ridge Ringers** at 4 PM, Join us as we celebrate 30 years of handbells in the mountains with a retrospective concert including favorites from the past 30 years.

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has **risen**. (*Luke 24:5*)

2025 MINISTRY TEAMS SPOTLIGHT

ADMINISTRATION/FACILITIES DIVISION **Personnel Ministry Team** Freddie Hart, Chair/Lead Elder Richard Black, 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** Frank Anderson, Chair/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 **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

A Note Of Appreciation:

The church grounds are beginning to come alive and all the past work is now revealing itself in spring beauty.

There has been a lot of work from individuals in our church who take on a task or an area to "tidy and keep lovely." Many thanks to all of you who just drop by to pull a weed, blow some leaves, pick up trash, prune off a dead spot, or just do any small gardening chore.

We are an Earth Care Church and thank you for taking care of God's creation.

The Stroups

Outreach Ministry Team

Dear friends,

On Sunday morning, March 16th, we prayed in worship for the family of the two young boys who died when a tree fell on their home as they slept. The next morning, three of our elders went to work. First, they met with the family and, with Session's approval, offered them the use of our manse apartment, free of charge. When those elders learned that the family needed more room, Habitat for Humanity was contacted. Habitat will clear the family's lot and put a 5-wheeler home on their property so the family can live on their own land while a new house is being built. The young boys who died helped design the home that will be there. Please keep this family and all who grieve this devastating loss in our community.

In Christ, Keith

Christian Education Ministry Team

The Sunday School Offerings in April will go to: **Habitat for Humanity.**

Membership Ministry Team

Pictorial Directories – Have You Gotten Yours?

Come by the Church Office during the week between the hours of 9-noon, and 1-3 PM and see Tammy or Pat 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 or churchoffice@bdrpc.org.

Finance Corner

STOCK OR CASH?

Giving stock instead of cash as a donation can greatly benefit both parties. Most charities, schools, and churches, which are nonprofit organizations, will accept stock as a gift or donation. If the stock has increased in value from the time of purchase, the owner can avoid paying the capital gains tax by donating the security to the church.

When the security is being donated to our church, the total amount will still be eligible for a tax deduction. Since taxation is avoided on the stock donation, the giver will be able to make a larger donation.

For example, let's say you were looking to make a $1,000 donation to the church. You could either give cash or donate stock. Let's assume you bought the stock for an original purchase price of $700, but it's now worth $1,128.55. To make it simple, let's assume capital gains tax is 30 percent of the stock's appreciation. Selling the shares for cash would net about $1,000 after capital gains tax: ($1,128.55 – (1,128.55 – 700) * .30). In this case, you would be indifferent to donating the entire stock or giving cash as both choices will cost you $1,000. However, the church will receive more benefit from a stock donation as we will receive a gift valued at $1,128.55 instead of the $1,000 in cash. To talk further about how easy and rewarding this can be for both our church and you, just come by Pat's office so we can chat!

Music Ministry Update

B-DRPC 2024-25 Concert Series

B-DRPC CONCERT SERIES

COMING IN MAY . . .

Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 pm – Blue Ridge Ringers

B-DRPC Concert Series presents the Blue Ridge Ringers on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 PM. This is the Blue Ridge Ringers 30th Anniversary Celebration! Join us as we celebrate 30 years of handbells in the mountains with a retrospective concert including favorites from the past 30 years. Also featured is a newly commissioned work for this momentous occasion by well-known composer, Karen Buckwalter, entitled "Appalachian Delight." This concert is free and open to the public so join us and bring a friend!

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

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 April 3rd at 10:30 AM in the College Walk Activities Room. We always welcome newcomers. **Mary Martha Circle** welcomes new members and visitors to their monthly meeting on April 3rd at 1 PM in the Church Lounge.

Preschool Ministry Team

Earth Care Committee

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR SOLAR POWER?

Beginning in 2017, some folks at the church began to explore solar panels for our church. Using a partnership with a professor and students at Appalachian state, we put solar panels our roof. Contributions from members of the congregation covered the initial cost. This helped us cover 25-30 percent of our power bills which were averaging $900 per month.

Then in 2023, building on the success of our initial installation, we completed the project adding enough panels to provide 98 percent - 100 percent of our power. Just prior to this addition, we were paying a "level billing" of $555 per month. When the system was turned on in late January 2024, we began paying Duke the monthly charges which range from 0 to $436/month. The high month was for August 2024 when it was summer yet cloudy many days!

The solar company tells us we will recover the cost in 11 to 12 years. We did qualify for, and receive, a rebate of $27,767 from IRS for 30% of what we spent for the second phase of panels. That was from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) that encouraged non-profits like churches to put on solar panels.

One caveat: the electrical connections for parking lot lights, the Scout Hut, and the manse (El Centro and apartment) are on separate meters not connected to our solar energy. The cost of getting them connected into one system is prohibitive and their cost is minimal.
These solar panels, along with energy saving appliances and lighting and replacement of sanctuary windows, make B-DRPC good stewards of the earth God created!

Our Numbers: (2/28/2025 – 3/27/2025): Production: 6.18 MWh, Specific Yield (kWh/kWp) 109.27

APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lead Elders/Chairs, Please Check Your Meeting Dates. – Contact the Church Office at: churchoffice@bdrpc.org if incorrect. It's important!		1	2 WOW at 9 am PWP Chapel 9:45 am Christian Ed MT 3 pm Chancel Choir at 6:30 pm	3 Sarah Ruth Circle at 10:30 am Mary Martha Circle at 1 PM	4 Assault on the Carolinas Registration and Check-In 11 am – 9:30 pm	5 Assault on the Carolinas 6 am – 10:30 am
6 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Communion Fifth Sunday in Lent	7 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	8 Earth Care Committee Meeting at 11 am Preschool MT, 12:30 pm Worship MT 1 pm Publicity MT 2 pm	9 WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel 9:45 am Outreach MT, 10:30 am Choir, 6:30 pm	10	11 PWP Community Easter Egg Hunt Setup 8 am – 1 pm	12 PWP Community Easter Egg Hunt 8 am – 2 pm
13 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Palm Sunday	14 Staff Meeting 1:15 PM Finance Ministry Team Meeting 3:00 PM	15 Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm	16 WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel, 9:45 am Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm	17 Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae Service 7 pm	18 Session Stated Meeting, 10 am	19
20 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Easter Sunday	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm???	22 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	23 WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel, 9:45 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	24	25	26 Dia del nino Celebration (Day of the Children) 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
27 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am Daily Change Offering	28 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm	29 PWP Picture Day 8 am – 12:30 pm Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	30 PWP Picture Day 8 am – 12:30 pm WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel, 9:45 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	**MT = Ministry Team, WOW = Women on Wednesdays, CM = Committee Meeting**		

Anniversaries & Birthdays in APRIL

- Ed & Meredith Baldridge – April 1st
- Thomas Heckert – April 3rd
- Jill Cutler – April 3rd
- Gary Greene – April 3rd
- David Nielsen – April 3rd
- Beverly Thomes – April 4th
- Charlie Landreth – April 6th
- Suzanne Sims – April 8th
- Gary Seacat – April 10th
- Page Masterson – April 10th
- Bob Williams & Colleen Murphy – April 10th
- Joyce Davenport – April 11th
- Freddie Hart – April 12th
- Dustin Buford – April 13th
- Gail Macfie – April 14th
- Noah Hancock – April 15th
- Dan Hollingsworth – April 16th
- Dee Dee Perkins – April 16th
- Missy Ellenberger – April 17th
- Corinne Hachbold – April 18th
- Brittany Thompson – April 18th
- Bill & Marcia Born – April 19th
- Jim & Cris Hedgpeth – April 19th
- Sterling Post – April 19th
- Dan Bennett – April 20th
- Jim & Laura Lane – April 20th
- Joan Smith – April 21st
- Doris Sirls – April 22nd
- Phillip Jerome – April 23rd
- Jimmy Perkins – April 24th
- Don Gentle – April 24th
- Amy Winston – April 25th
- Susan Maurer – April 25th
- Scott & Kathy Kelley – April 26th
- John & Mindy Buford – April 28th
- Cris Hedgpeth – April 28th
- Connor Leidner – April 28th
- Carlton Ward – April 30th
- Kristine Candler – April 30th

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:
What Fruit do Twins Love?

FILL IN THE SCRIPTURE:

FOR GOD SO _____ THE _____, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN _____, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT _____, BUT HAVE _____ _____.

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS:

BOTM _____
SOCSR _____
USEJS _____
ENSOT _____
ESIRN _____

I SPY...
HOW MANY EASTER EGGS

I LOVE EASTER SUNDAY BECAUSE... _____

HE IS RISEN!

HELP THE DISCIPLES FIND THE RISEN MESSIAH!

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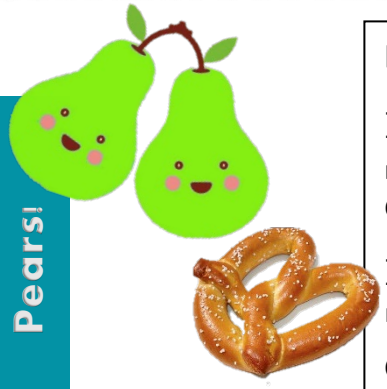
Answer: Pears!



DID YOU KNOW?

Easter Eggs – The tradition of decorating and gift eggs dates back to medieval times, with eggs symbolizing new life and the resurrection of Christ.

Pretzels – Pretzels were once associated with Easter, with the twists representing arms crossing in prayer.

Official Flower – The white lily is considered the official flower of Easter, symbolizing hope and rebirth.