The Communicator

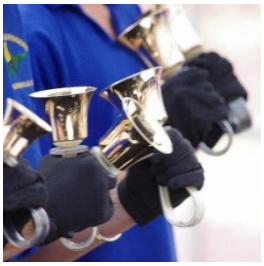
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

MAY 2025
Monthly Newsletter

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

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."



B-DRPC
CONCERT SERIES

This concert is free and open to the public so join us and bring a friend!

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. *(John 15:13)*

Memorial Day is May 26, 2025

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/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

Christian Education Ministry Team

The Sunday School Offerings in May will go to: ***Horeb Church.***

Preschool Ministry Team

EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCHEON WITH B-DRPC PRESCHOOL

Personnel Ministry Team

Getting to know you . . . Gregg, Carol, & Rhys

Gregg Hall is our Facilities Manager and with help from his wife Carol, and sometimes their grandson Rhys, they keep us running so smoothly. Between tables and chairs in place for Sunday morning brunch; keeping bathrooms, Sanctuary and the rest of our large church clean and ready for our various activities; monitoring community and B-DRPC team schedules so they can prepared and ready rooms for meetings and Sunday School; lawns mown, parking lot and sidewalks swept or blown clean; fixing, or arranging for others to fix, various emergencies that crop up during the week; and so very much more . . . Believe it, they stay busy. Let's get to know these wonderful people who do so much to make B-DRPC awesome!

How did they meet?

Gregg & Carol met at Gregg's 23rd birthday celebration when Carol came with one of her family members. They went on a date the next weekend, and five months later, they were married. This year in October, Gregg and Carol will be married for 37 years!

How many children do they have?

They have two sons, Ethan who is 35 years old and Caleb who is 30 years old. They both live in the area. Caleb married his college sweetheart, Deana, and gave us our only grandchild, Rhys.

Their Grandchild, Rhys.

Rhys will be three in July, and he brings so much joy to Gregg and Carol and their family.

How did Gregg become Facilities Manager at B-DRPC, and Carol his Assistant?

Gregg came to work here in May 2006, as a Facilities Manager Assistant. After several years, Steve Sales retired, and Gregg became the Facilities Manager. When Carol retired from USPS in 2018, the church was looking for a part-time assistant for Gregg, so Carol came to work at B-DRPC.

What other types of work have they done in the past?

Gregg has worked in manufacturing as a MRO (Maintenance, Repair, & Operations) Supply Chain Manager. Carol worked for the USPS for 31 years.

How do they enjoy spending time when not at work?

They enjoy spending time with family, playing games, and watching Rhys grow. It was fun and a privilege being parents, but even more so, being grandparents. They also love to spend time traveling together and, when possible, also traveling with their family.

Where did they grow up?

Carol grew up in Henderson County and Gregg is a life-long resident of Transylvania County.

What else do they wish to share with our Membership?

Gregg and Carol said they really enjoy working at B-DRPC. They also really appreciate how church members, staff, and the Property Ministry Team are always so supportive.

Thank You, Gregg, Carol, & Rhys!!!

Membership Ministry Team

We're Going to Make Things Simple for You!

We apologize for the confusion regarding the Online Pictorial Directory. Tammy will be meeting with Ed, the Mazibook Technician, and she will find out exactly what we can do and what we can't do in the app. We admit that it has been very frustrating, but we are getting the "glitches" worked out and we will be giving the membership "simple" instructions soon. Meanwhile, enjoy the pictorial directory and match faces with names. We are a church family; let's get to know each other.

Finance Corner

A LETTER FROM THE HAVEN

Several Months ago, I reported in the Newsletter all of the various charities this church supported in 2024. I know, as well as you all, that each of these groups are appreciative of our efforts. So, I wanted to share just one of the heartfelt letters I received in thanks for our ongoing support. It makes me so grateful that we have this level of empathy. (Pat Crosby, Finance)

Dear Mission Team:

As I sit down to write, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation for the incredible dedication and commitment your mission team has shown toward The Haven. It's often said true change and impact come from the heart, and your decision to support our organization exemplifies this sentiment in every way.

Our community is home to many wonderful agencies, each striving to make a difference and address the various needs of those who are less fortunate. Selecting our agency to focus on, amid such a wide array is undoubtedly a challenging task. Yet your choice to support The Haven speaks volumes to your commitment to addressing homelessness and providing support to those who need it most.

Living without a home is a struggle many of us cannot begin to imagine. It is a constant battle against the elements, a fight to find safety and security, and an ongoing search for dignity and hope. Your support not only provides tangible resources but also sends a powerful message to our community members. There are people who genuinely care and are willing to take action to make a difference.

There are countless individuals who have found solace and hope within the walls of The Haven. Each story, each smile and each step towards a better future is a testament to the impact of our collective efforts. Your support is the cornerstone of these success stories and for that all of us at The Haven are eternally grateful.

In the moments of doubt and challenge it is the kindness and generosity of people like you that remind me of the power of community and the importance of coming together for a common cause.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in us and being a beacon of hope. Your generosity is making a world of difference, and I am profoundly thankful for the blessings you have bestowed upon us.

Emily and The Haven

Music Ministry Update

Blue Ridge Ringers – This Sunday, May 4th at 4 PM
Join us to help celebrate 30 years of Handbells in the Mountains!

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

Sarah Ruth Circle and Mary Martha Circle will both meet on May 1st at 1:00 PM in the Church Lounge to for a Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering Tea. All women of our church are welcome to join us. **The Presbyterian Women's Circles** are small group Bible studies and fellowship times available for all Presbyterian Women.

Earth Care Committee

THIS MONTH'S NUMBERS *Our Numbers: (4/1/2025 – 4/28/2025): Energy Production: 6.03 MWh*

Earth Day 2025, APRIL 27, 2025, Ministry Update

"The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in the world,and those who live in it." (Psalm 34:1)

I want to share with you what your earth care team has done and is doing—And what challenges we are claiming for this year. Just this spring, we were recognized for our TENTH year of being a certified Earth Care congregation, a certification offered by our denomination. This is based on our reporting our commitment to earth care in worship, education, facilities, and outreach. There are 361 congregations with this certification in the PCUSA and we are one of them!

Here are some of the highlights of what B-DRPC has done and is doing in these ten years: Our solar panels, probably our most well known project. This began in 2017 with youth and some older folk wondering what it would take to take us solar! A partnership with a professor at Appalachian state and his students and gifts from the congregation made it possible and soon we were covering 25-30% of our power. In 2023, there were the funds to expand and we were on line Jan 2024, covering virtually all the power needs of our main building. That's wonderful! The solar company estimates we will recover our cost in 11-12 years and we received a rebate of about $28K as part of Inflation Reduction Act. Sunshine, not fossil fuels provide our power! Replacing the 1950's windows in this sanctuary helped a huge amount, saving heat and electricity. A goal from the beginning was to eliminate disposables in our kitchen. You know that now you drink coffee from real cups, eat the delicious food that comes out of that kitchen on real plates, and the use a knife that can really cut! No Styrofoam or single use plastics! The lighting is now all LED except for the lights outside on the path that are solar! And, the grounds! Some of the gorgeous flowers you see here today are from the church grounds. Native plants are prioritized along with pollinators that attract birds and bees and other animals. Take a closer look at these plants! (The rest of the flowers you see here today are from the yards of the folks who gifted us with their talents in arranging them)

What's coming in the future? We have set a goal of raising our awareness of the problems with use of plastics. We want to support reduction of single use plastics. To this end, we have a wonderful speaker coming July 13 between worship services. She will help us understand the problem and what we can do going forward. Yes, the EARTH IS THE LORD'S. We are the caretakers, a responsibility we take seriously.

MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MT = Ministry Team, WOW = Women on Wednesdays, CM = Committee Meeting				1 Sarah Ruth Circle and Mary Martha Circles PW Birthday Offering Tea at 1 PM	2	3
4 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am **Communion** 3rd Sunday of Easter **Blue Ridge Ringers Concert, 4:00 PM**	5 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm Membership MT 3 pm	6 Westminster Ringers, 5:15 pm	7 WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel 9:45 am Outreach MT 10:30 am Christian Ed MT, 3 pm Choir, 6:30 pm	8	9	10
11 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 4th Sunday of Easter	12 Staff Meeting 1:15 PM Finance Ministry Team Meeting 2:00 PM	13 Earth Care Comm. 11 am Preschool MT 12:30 pm Worship MT 1 pm Publicity MT 2 pm Westminster Ringers 5:15 pm	14 WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel, 9:45 am Outreach MT, 10:30 am Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 5th Sunday of Easter **Daily Change Offering**	19 Shawl Ministry 1:30 pm	20 **Community-Wide Dinner, 5:30 pm**	21 WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel 9:45 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	22	23 Session Stated Meeting, 10 am	24
25 Worship – 8:30 am & 11 am 6th Sunday of Easter	26 Staff Meeting 1:15 pm	27	28 WOW – 9 am PWP Chapel, 9:45 am Chancel Choir 6:30 pm	29	30	31

Anniversaries & Birthdays in . . .

- Chip & Debbie Webb – May 5th
- Patti Jerome – May 6th
- Scott Kelley – May 6th
- Cathie Odom – May 6th
- Mark Ellenberger – May 7th
- Elly Leidner – May 9th
- Gregg Hall – May 10th
- Travis & Alexis Hancock – May 11th
- Annette Campbell – May 12th
- Hannah Thompson – May 14th
- Art Cole – May 14th
- Richard & Barbara Ambler – May 15th
- John & Lora Allemeier – May 16th
- Gary & Tammy Nye – May 16th
- Keith & Debbie Thompson – May 16th
- J.J. Colombo – May 17th
- Louise Stroup – May 17th
- Jake Trowbridge – May 17th
- Paul & Judy Welch – May 17th
- Mandy Wade – May 18th
- Bob Bryant – May 20th
- Hadley Gerring – May 21st
- Julia Colombo – May 22nd
- Jerry & Suzanne Sims – May 22nd
- Carlton & Sharon Ward – May 22nd
- Celia Ansley – May 23rd
- Ken Bodenhamer & Michael Helman – May 23rd
- Nancy Stricker – May 23rd
- Ruth Powers – May 24th
- Luke McLauchlin – May 24th
- Emilie Johnson – May 25th
- Faye Paden – May 25th
- Carlene Jerome – May 26th
- Tina Benson – May 27th
- Ginny Simpson – May 28th
- Linda Goodwin – May 29th
- Gary & Gretchen Green – May 29th
- Noah McLauchlin – May 31st

JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE:
Why did the banana visit the Doctor?

Dusty Names and Divine Turns

Jeremiah 17:13 – Each number represents a letter from the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the number to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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2. 26 9 18 15 _____
3. 22 25 22 5 _____
4. 7 18 6 20 _____
5. 14 6 3 _____
6. 21 1 19 24 15 24 3 _____
7. 25 18 1 26 24 _____
8. 15 22 20 24 4 _____
9. 3 9 4 26 _____

Please note: The answers are KEY WORDS from the scripture – Not clear which version. From *https://sermons4kids.com/puzzle*

Answer:
He wasn't Peeling well.