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### MEET OUR NEW PASTOR: *WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR, BUCKINGHAM?*

Dear Friends – What a whirlwind, but my family and I are here and settled into the beautiful manse in our equally beautiful new community of Berlin! Many thanks to all who helped prepare the way and who have also extended a warm hand of welcome so I can get my feet wet at the church and in the ocean with your many suggestions for the best beach spots! (How did you know I'd be looking for those?)

Speaking of looking, on Aug. 23, our first Sunday together, we discerned that beautiful, powerful question that Jesus asks His disciples: ***What are you looking for?***

We heard him ask this of Andrew and the “unnamed” disciple at the beginning of John’s Gospel (1:38). Their answer was faith-filled: ***“Rabbi, where are you staying?”*** In other words, we trust you to be our Rabbi, our teacher, the One to teach and guide us in the ways of God and God’s intended life for us. And while learning from you – we want to go and be where you are. We want to go and be in the places where we may find you, Lord - be they near or far. At this, Jesus invites them to ***“Come and See!”***

And Jesus still invites His disciples to do the same. To learn from Him and to go and find Him. To open our lives to a different way of living – ways of mission and service, ways of mercy and compassion, ways that open our eyes to see Him everywhere He asks us to go - and in whoever we meet along the way.

***What are we looking for?*** It’s still a great question – for every disciple today and for the collective Church that gathers and worships - and then goes out to share God’s love and to serve others in Christ’s name. Remember the “unnamed” disciple? There is no such thing. WE are that disciple, still called to come and see and to BE wherever we may find Jesus, and the need to BE the church.

***What are WE looking for, Buckingham?*** Are we looking for a beautiful faith community, long held together by tradition? Are we looking for new ways to reach others and to show the love of God to others? Are we looking for ONE CHURCH with many expressions of worship, praise, and prayer? Are we looking for a church where every member feels loved, respected and deeply cared for?

If these are the things we’re looking for – I’d say we’ve come to the right place!

And maybe there’s more? Maybe we’re looking for studies that honor God with our whole heart, mind and strength? Maybe we’re looking for new and creative ways to grow in and stay connected to our faith? Maybe we’re looking to encourage our children and youth to know Christ’s love? Maybe we’re looking to encourage all of our members – young and old – to live out their faith and share God’s love in ways that are creative and bold.

What are WE looking for, Buckingham? Let’s talk and share ideas and thoughts any time. I, for one, cannot wait to come and see... and go together with all of you wherever and to whomever Jesus leads us. My family and I are so very blessed to be on this journey with you.

Peace,  
Pastor Mark



[Sight & Sound Theaters](#) will present its first-ever live worldwide broadcast of "Queen Esther" after its stage production was canceled earlier this year due to lockdown orders in response to the novel coronavirus.

The live performance will be available to watch on Sight and Sound's [new streaming platform](#) sight-sound.tv on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. Eastern time along with other stage productions by Sight & Sound Theaters on Labor Day weekend.

"With the future still uncertain, not knowing when we will be able to welcome full crowds again, we prayerfully began walking toward the idea of the first ever live broadcast of a Sight & Sound show," Miller continued. "We are so thrilled to be taking this next step of extending the ministry beyond our walls and offering 'Queen Esther Live!'"

"Esther chose courageous faith in the face of chaos, fear, and uncertainty. We could not think of a more timely story to shine bright in the midst of this challenging year," Miller declared.

"This show is truly meant for such a time as this," Sight & Sound Chief Creative Officer Josh Enck.

**Buckingham Presbyterian Church will participate in this Live streaming September 4th at 7:00pm in Taylor Hall.**

**All are Welcome!!**



## YOUTH GROUP

**Jerry Woroniecki** has started a Youth Group on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm for ages 13 and up. If anyone would like to join, please feel free. The group meets outside with a small Bible study, enjoys food, games, and outreach activities for the community. Currently they are working on taking care of the vegetable garden and building a vegetable stand.

We also started a group on Tuesday evenings from 5-6pm for ages 9-12 with the same format. This is a time for fellowship, as well as sharing God's word, for our youth and young adults. Please contact Jerry or Lindsay for more information, 443-880-0107.



## A Note from Historian Lynne Murray

Charlon Moore Pruitt's mother, Irene Moore, and my mother, Dorothy Taylor, were close friends and worked tirelessly for Buckingham. In addition to church suppers there were several fundraisers known as "Tasting Teas." Volunteers made their best dishes and cards were printed with the recipe. People tasted as many dishes as they wished and bought the recipe cards of the ones they liked. Some of my best recipes came from those events. I dare not mislead you, dear reader, into thinking that I still cook; I have a charming painting of a horse hanging over my stovetop! However, my *microwave* is a cherished appliance.

I remember a bake sale when Miss Irene asked me to help price some of the items and asked me how much a dozen eggs cost. I don't think she believed me when I said I didn't have any idea (and still don't know) so she sent me on my way and recruited someone who was more helpful.

Just for fun, I'll include a recipe I purchased at a Tasting Tea. It doesn't require any cooking and when I last made it (I don't recall how many years ago) it was quite tasty. The recipe was submitted by Betty Bunting. Betty passed away not long ago and the Bunting family continues to operate the banner planes flying down the beach.

### Betty Bunting's Mandarin Orange Salad

11 oz can mandarin oranges (recipe doesn't say drain, but I would)

11 oz can drained pineapple chunks

1/2 cup flaked coconut

1/3 cup cherries

1 cup miniature marshmallows

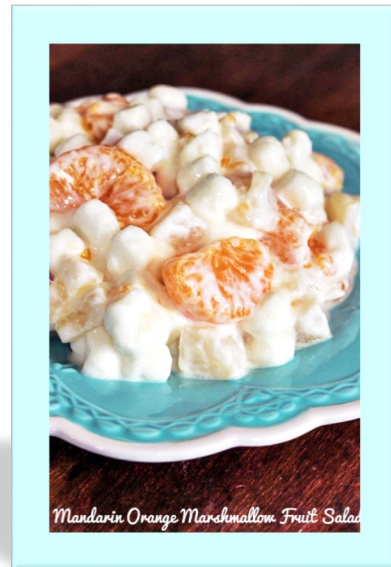
2 bananas, sliced

1 cup sour cream

Mix well and refrigerate overnight.

Happy September,

Lynne



## TRUSTEES

Just a note to tell the Congregation that the Trustees have not been on vacation this summer. We have many projects within the church properties to be taken care of in order of importance. Some of the items completed this summer were getting the Manse ready for our new Pastor and his family—we had a few hiccups after they moved in but they have been taken care of. The yard around the house was spruced up before the move by volunteers. We are fortunate to have a congregation that comes to our aid when needed. We will also be mounting a gate at the Cemetery to secure our property; the cost is being shared by the county.

Rose Campion, President



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, September 13,  
11am

(immediately following our  
**Combined Worship Service and the Blessing of the  
Backpacks at the Park).**

Please stay after the service for an important vote on Pastor Mark's Terms of Call. Copies of the Terms may be picked up anytime at the church office M/W/F 10-3. They may also be emailed by request.

## Mission Report

For August we collected school supplies and clothes for Nurse Angie's Closet at Buckingham Elementary School. We will continue this for September. Clothes being collected include boys and girls underwear, socks, unisex shirts, shorts, pants, and shoes. Once children return to school, these items will be needed greatly as once they are given to a child they will not be able to be returned.

We are also calling on those who sew!! The kids are going to need to return to school in a mask. The school will have disposable masks available; however, they would like to have cute masks for those who don't have one. Dig into those scrap boxes as I am sure the schools will need to be replenished all year!!!



Our church-wide on-going mission to feed hungry children has begun! We will be looking for donors!!!

For \$300 you can sponsor a child for a year! The money will feed them every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to ensure children are not hungry over the weekend until they return to school!! We will also need volunteers to help put the food in bags to be delivered to the children until they return to school and delivered to the school once they return.



## Christian Education



This group has been hard at work! The vegetable stand was completed by the Wednesday night youth group and has been stocked weekly with vegetables from the garden. The shed was moved with help from several in our congregation to begin the playground, once play equipment becomes available.

Pastor Mark shared an inspiring fishing story during his first S'more Time with Jesus! We had about 10 fish returned and collected \$300.71 for One Great Hour of Sharing. August 28th family Ice cream trivia was held. Families joined to test their knowledge on ice cream facts. Each time a question was answered correctly the family was able to choose a topping. Once 5 toppings were chosen the family was given the supplies to make their own ice cream in a bag.

- **September 11th** we will be honoring our heroes with a special night thanking them for all their hard work and dedication.
- Don't forget to join together on **September 13th** for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Food will be provided by the Congregational Life committee. There will be one joined service at the Berlin Worcester County Rec playground, by the baseball fields.
- **September 25th** we will be putting your lego skills to the test with a "My Father's House" lego challenge.
- On **September 27th** the youth are invited to deliver the tie blankets to the Ronald McDonald house in Baltimore. If the house is still shut down to volunteers, we will deliver the blankets and monetary donation then visit a zoo or something in the area.
- Mark your calendar for **October 23rd**, we will be looking for participants in our Trunk-or-Treat night! Simply decorate your car and come on out for fun and fellowship while handing out candy to trick or treaters.

**Tuesday night youth group will continue from 5-6 for ages 8-11 year olds and Wednesday night youth group for ages 12 and up!**



*Help Keep Our Blessing Box Full!*

**Prayer Request Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for:

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Requested by:

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Please place my request in the weekly bulletin:

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
 Buckingham Presbyterian Church  
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- 9/7— HOLLY Bunting
- 9/10— CHARLES Herpen  
SUSAN Todd
- 9/13— RUTH Gubosh
- 9/17— STEVE Davis
- 9/18— JESSICA Bunting
- 9/20— GLORIA Gubosh
- 9/21— EVAN Cook  
Anne Hastings
- 9/23— Mack Ashton  
Bailey Warren
- 9/26— TRACEY Trask



- 9/6— JERRY & MICHELLE Woroniecki
- 9/7— Timothy & EMILY Vocke
- 9/22— Jeremy & VICTORIA Harsh
- 9/27— PAUL & DEBI Cook  
ETHAN & Anne Marie Cook



**Spiritual Formation**

**What are you looking for in studies for Spiritual Formation?**

Pastor Mark is eager to know your thoughts and needs for studies you'd like to see and engage in.

What topics are of interest to you? (E.g. Books of the Bible? Prayer/Spiritual Practices? Presbyterianism and Reformed Theology? Other Christian and Non-Christian Traditions?)

What would feed your heart, minds, and souls in study together? Also, what days and times would work best for you? And are you most comfortable meeting socially-distanced in person or by ZOOM?

Please take a moment to think this over and let Pastor Mark or any member of the Spiritual Life Committee know. (Spiritual Life Committee members are Mitchel David, Carol Neal, Tammy Nickell, & Mike Leyden)

Thanks! We hope for some great responses and to get some things

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Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

		<p>1 Pastor Hrs.3-5pm Kid's Group 5-6pm Session 6pm</p>	<p>2 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Youth Group 6-7pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon QUEEN ESTHER Live Streamed 7pm</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 9am Contemporary Service 11am Traditional service</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>8 Pastor Hrs.3-5pm Kid's Group 5-6pm</p>	<p>9 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Youth Group 6-7pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon S'More Time w/ Jesus— "Honoring Heroes" 6pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Combined Worship &amp; Blessing of Backpacks: ball fields next to Cemetery at 11am followed by <b>Congregational Meeting</b></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Pastor Hrs.3-5pm Kid's Group 5-6pm Deacons 6pm</p>	<p>16 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Youth Group 6-7pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9am Contemporary Service 11am Traditional service 3pm Installation of Pastor Mark</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Pastor Hrs.3-5pm Kid's Group 5-6pm</p>	<p>23 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Youth Group 6-7pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon S'More time w/ Jesus—Lego Challenge 6pm</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9am Contemporary Service 11am Traditional service Youth deliver tie blankets</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Pastor Hrs.3-5pm Kid's Group 5-6pm</p>	<p>30 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Youth Group 6-7pm</p>			