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On behalf of the Congregation of Buckingham Presbyterian Church, Session has awarded several Gift Cards from various local establishments to our Custodian Richard Jones for his loyalty and dedication to Buckingham on the occasion of his retirement. We have been truly blessed.

May you and your family enjoy your special moments together in the years to come! We will miss your happy smile, generous spirit, and faithful service!!

goodbye..?
oh no,please. Can't
we go back to page one
and do it all over
again?

-Winnie The Pooh

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Events, Reports, Notices, & Stuff

Monday,

September 3, 2018

Church Office Closed

for Labor Day



Tuesday, September 4, 2018 @ DeNovo's in Ocean Pines 8:00am Bring a friend!



Sunday, September 9, 2018

> Combined Worship Service &

Blessing of the Backpacks 11:00am at Stephen Decatur Park Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Italian sausages, & Beverages

> Please bring a side dish— Veggies, Salad, or Dessert.



Women's Lunch Bunch

Meets Wednesday September 12, 11:30am @ Abi's Diner on Rte. 589-

Bring a friend! For further information please contact Evelyn Warren at 410-641-2109



COMMUNION will be held on the following date:

October 7-World Communion Sunday

Upon request, Communion will be offered to house-bound members of our congregation. Please advise a member of Session, or the Church Office if this service is desired.



The PNC wants the congregation to know that we are meeting and getting started on the process of finding a new Pastor for our Church. As we have done this before, you know we have guidelines to follow and that is what we are doing. This is the first step in the process. We will keep the congregation informed of our progress as we move along.



Christmas Luncheon & Faire—Summer is over and it is time to start thinking of getting together about this year's Christmas Luncheon & Faire. Hopefully, we will find a date this month for planning. Watch for bulletin schedule, emails, or phone calls. To do this we only have a few months for planning. This year's Luncheon date will be Saturday, November 3rd.



Christian Education Report

We are excited for the start of the school year and we've got lots of great activities planned. Our annual picnic and Blessing of the Backpacks will be held at Stephen Decatur Park on Sunday, September 9 at 11:00am. Bring friends and don't forget your backpacks! Also, please bring a side dish or dessert.

The following Sunday (9/16) will be the start of our regular Sunday

School classes:

- ♦ Miss Carol's Toddler class is at 9:00am for children 1-4 years old. Her class includes short play time, a Bible lesson/story, singing, coloring/craft, snack & lots of hugs & lap time!! There is no set curriculum—she does the Bible stories such as Noah, Jonah, etc. for the very young age. When she has a group of 3-4 year olds, she includes more about Jesus' life, teachings, etc. This year with the young ones she will start out probably with Noah as she has a large wooden puzzle & several nice books geared for this age. By Christmas, they will be ready for the Christmas story. BTW—Penelope David already sings parts of Jesus Loves Me!!
- ◆ Also at 9:00am, we have a class for children Pre-K through 4th grade and one for Youth 5th—10th grades.
- During the 11:00am service, we have one class for children up to 9 years old.

We have a wonderful problem! Because of the number of young children attending 9:00am classes, we will need helpers for the Toddler and Pre-K-4th grade classes. If you are willing to help on a rotating basis, please contact Cindi, Lindsay, or Tracey. We would like to set up a schedule for helpers.

Please save the following dates and stay tuned for more details:

October 27—All Saints' Party
November 9—Game Night
November 28—Taylor Hall Tree Trimming
December 6—Christmas Parade
December 8—Santa Breakfast
December 14—Parents' Night Out
December 16—Christmas Family Night and Children's Program

Our next Christian Education meeting is September 5 at 6:30pm. Please join us!

MISSIONS REPORT—July/August



For the month of August we collected clothing and school supplies for Nurse Angie's Closet. Thank you to those who took the time to pick up something for the children at Buckingham Elementary.

We also supported the National Night Out organized locally by the Berlin Police Department, but this is a nation-wide event. After the rain, it was a lovely coming together and many enjoyed the time there. Numerous organizations were there as in the Fire Department, the Coast Guard with their boat, and the Department of Natural Resources. Crafts were there for the making, back packs for all that wanted them and free food. Buckingham had carnival games with candy for all who participated (and some that didn't). Everything for that event was free.

We finally got a check for \$520 off to Food for the Hungry to provide water and food for the folks in Puerto Rico after the devastation of Hurricane Maria.

This year Vacation Bible School's theme was Shipwrecked and the children's mission focus was collecting money to be sent to the island of Haiti to feed the children there. It was announced that every \$10 bought seeds to feed a child for a year and the VBS' goal was to feed 50 children. As in the past, Mission Committee matched the funds the children contributed. The kids actually contributed \$548.50. Mission Committee rounded it up so that 112 children will receive seeds. Job well done!!

September FOCUS — During the month of September we will be collecting items for the residents in the Memory Unit at Berlin Nursing Home, I am still working with the new Activity Director there to get a list of their needs and "nice to have" items. You will find this information in the weekly bulletins.

We are also looking into having YOU go to the nursing home to read to someone there. Are you interested???? How wonderful it would be if you could be the angel to visit and read to someone(s) one day a week or maybe every other week. Pray about it and then let me know if you are interested. What a wonderful outreach it would be.

We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. While out shopping see what small items you can pick up for a shoebox. I've found some neat things in the Clearance aisle.



CONFORMAION CLASS INQUIRY

The Session is looking for young people who might be interested in joining a confirmation class in preparation for church membership. If you know of any young people who fit this category please let the office or Sally Kohler know. The Session will be working on a joint venture with Ocean City Presbyterian Church at this time.



6th - JERRY & MICHELLE Woroniecki

7th - Timothy & EMILY Vocke

22nd - JEREMY & VICTORIA Harsh

27th - ETHAN & Anne Cook
PAUL & DEBORAH Cook

Buckingham's Landscape Workers—Many thanks to all who came out and gave their blood and sweat to spruce up the grounds around the church. As Tony Davis said, "my 24 hour deodorant gave out a while ago." It took two tries but this group of workers, with some new recruits, did it! The church looks so much better and to the passerbyes, a whole lot more inviting. We're going to schedule a fall clean-up day in cooler weather so the grounds don't get so far ahead of us. It's a great time of fellowship with a real purpose. What a joy it was to see the children from the Sunday School pitching in as well.



7th— HOLLY Bunting

10th—CHARLES Herpen

GLEN Phillips

SUSAN Todd

13th—RUTH Gubosh

ELIZABETH Bozman

Colin Porter

17th—STEVE Davis

18th—Jessica BUNTING

21st—EVAN Cook

Anne Hastings

23rd—WANDA Stricker

Bailey Warren

24th—JESSICA Arthur

26th—TRACEY Trask

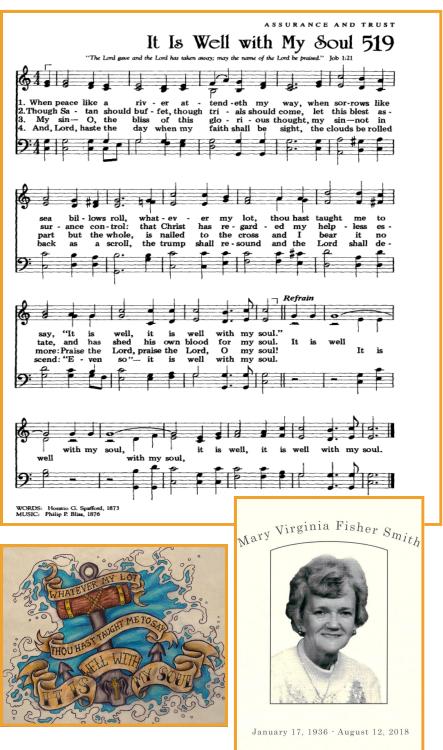
Matthew Holland, Jr.

Thank you! The Trustees would like to thank everyone who worked on clearing out rooms for the cleaning company to come in to clean the church. It was a tremendous job moving everything out of the kitchen, Taylor Hall, and Kortright Chapel. Our congregation always is there when they are needed.

Trustees

Kitchen Committee Report

You may have noticed that the kitchen looks a little bare! The committee is in the process of refitting the kitchen with new food prep work surfaces, commercial storage shelves and a steam table. To make the area more user friendly and improve the traffic flow, we are replacing the two long cabinets with multiple smaller work areas. In an effort to best utilize the existing funds, we are currently shopping multiple sources before ordering the needed fixtures. Our next goal is to raise additional funds to install a dish washing station with three sinks and a push-through dishwasher. If you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile project, please note "Kitchen Committee" on your donation.



Mary Virginia Fisher Smith, 82, went home to be with the Lord on August 12, 2018. She was born in Hurlock, MD, to the late Dewey and Delma Fisher. For 58 years she was married to her high school sweetheart B.G. (Billy) Smith. They lived on their family farm in the St. Martins area of Berlin since 1968. The family owned and operated the Sea Isle Motel for many years. Mary retired from the Worcester Co. Health Department. She was a member of Buckingham Presbyterian Church, Berlin, Md. Her husband, B.G., predeceased her in 2014; also her older son, Grant Fisher Smith, in 2005. Left to cherish her memory is her younger son, Rev. Mark James Smith (Denise), granddaughter Rachel and grandson Andrew Smith of Hockessin, Delaware. Also surviving is her daughter-in-law Dawn Rogers (Brooke) of Ocean City; granddaughters Amy Kuehl (Tyler) and Emily Martinez (Alec), all of Southern California and great granddaughter Remi Martinez. She was predeceased by two sisters, Ada Lee (Midge) Wright and Anne Layton; and three brothers, William, Robert, and John Carroll Fisher. Surviving also are several nieces and nephews.



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Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sun Sat 1 4 Men's Break-5 Spiritual 6 Choir 6:30pm 7 8 fast 8am Formation 6pm Church Office AA 8pm Closed Session Christian Ed. 5:30pm Mtg. 6:30pm 9 Combined 10 Adult Care-11 12 Women's 13 AA 8pm 14 15 Lunch Bunch Service & givers 6:30pm 11:30am Abi's Blessing of Diner Backpacks 11am SD Park Spiritual Formation 6pm 16 Sunday 17 Adult Care-18 Presbytery 19 Spiritual 20 AA 8pm 21 22 School Begins Formation 6pm givers 6:30pm Meeting Cen-9am & 11am treville, MD 23 24 Adult Care-25 26 Spiritual 27 AA 8pm 28 29 givers 6:30pm Formation 6pm 30

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VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of disciples,

Who honor all people,

Care for those in need,

Share the hope we receive from Jesus Christ.