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Another Look at How We Praise God in Worship (a follow-up report on the CAT- SCAN/HOLY COW results)

Each month I've been using this column to write about some aspect of congregational life that congregational leaders are seeking to improve. This week we look at what's happening in the area of worship.

If you recall, last month's gram published the one-page summary of the CAT-SCAN (Holy Cow!) results. One of the biggest interests of the congregation was to see our worship services more deliberately deepen our faith. There was also a related interest in more lay participation in worship. I want you to know that congregational leaders and I are thinking of ways to do both.

First, your pastor is trying to involve more lay leaders in the worship time. He is asking members of the congregation if anyone would like to read the call to worship or scriptures. He is also asking the various committees if they have a story they would like to share from their ministry area. Committee members hear inspiring stories of God moving in our community all the time. It would be a real encouragement for the congregation if they heard all that God is doing through Buckingham.

Second, our Music Director is selecting hymns that are more devotionally focused and expressive. I've been enjoying the diversity of styles that Greg brings into worship.

Third, leaders in the Contemporary Service are asking each other who can play an instrument. In this way, we can involve a greater range of people and ages in worship and offer a variety of musical expressions.

Discussions about worship and follow-up experiments are just two results of the CAT-SCAN survey process. Please pray as we continue to seek God's guidance for Buckingham's future. Please pray for our new committees. And please pray that our congregation will be able to hear God's voice.

Your partner in Ministry,
Rev. Glenn





This article on Francis Makemie was published in the Daughters of the American Revolution magazine of February 1920. Although we are familiar with some of the information, it does cover new ground. When looking at his accomplishments through the lens of his lifetime, he was clearly a person of consequence.



A HERO OF THE EASTERN SHORE

By Katherine H. G. Wingate



WHEN the crowns of Scotland and England were united in the person of James I, history tells us that the only part of his policy upon which we can look back with satisfaction was his scheme for "planting colonies." The most successful of these was the picked colony, men especially chosen for their superior qualifications, which he brought over from Scotland and planted in the province of Ulster in the north of Ireland. This was known as the "Great Plantation," and so well fulfilled the expectations of the monarch that in three generations the north of Ireland, which had been a barren waste at their coming, is said to have "blossomed like the rose." Not only were they expert in agriculture; they excelled in weaving, producing a cloth celebrated for its superior quality. Although materially successful and prosperous, the Scotch were not happy in Ireland. They were looked upon as usurpers by their Roman Catholic neighbors, while the severe measures used by the Established Church of Great Britain in dealing with dissenters made their lives truly perilous. During twenty-seven years it is estimated that eighteen thousand men and women perished for the sake of their religious belief. During the latter part of the Seventeenth Century emigration commenced from the north of

Ireland to America, and after 1700 continued in greatly increasing numbers until 1750, after which the tide of emigration from the north of Ireland was steadily decreased.

In the year 1680 Colonel William Stevens, who had settled upon the Eastern Shore, wrote to Ireland asking for a minister. In response to his appeal the Presbytery of Laggan commissioned Francis Makemie to go to Maryland. His ordination had been one of the last official acts of that Presbytery before it was ordered dissolved. He was received at the plantation of Colonel Stevens, and here the first Presbyterian church in America was organized, and the first church, a log one, built in 1683, taking the name of Colonel Stevens' plantation, Rehoboth (there is room), a name appealing strongly to these persecuted people from the north of Ireland.

Francis Makemie had grown up in the Province of Ulster while the trials of the Scotch-Irish were at their height. His own pastor, Thomas Drummond, had been driven from his church, and many of the ministers of his faith had been forbidden to preach or to baptize. There were troublous times at Glasgow while he was a student at the University in that city, soldiers being placed to prevent the Presbyterians from holding services either in their churches, or in their homes. Makemie was a man of pleasing



personality and of the highest culture. He was but twenty-five years of age when he came to the shores of the New World. He was a preacher of great power, and his literary work was quite extensive, although said to be somewhat of a controversial nature. He prepared a "Catechism," which was the first book published on the Eastern Shore. He also published a pamphlet, which was distributed through Great Britain to encourage emigration to the Colonies. "Like the Apostle Paul, he decided not to be a burden to any, and kept a sloop plying up and down the shores of the bay, laden with pork, wheat, tobacco, and other commodities," thus making a living for himself, while he ministered to the infant church of his widely extended parish.

In addition to the Rehoboth Church, he organized the churches of Snow Hill, of Pitts Creek, the Manokin Church at Princess Anne, Md., and the Wicomoco Church at Salisbury, Md. These were all one field in Makemie's day. The first log church built at Rehoboth was replaced in 1706 by a substantial brick church which is in use at the present day.

Makemie was a progressive man. He had an eye to the beauty of the scenery of his adopted country; he recognized the desirability of the climate, the advantages of trade by water, and he was quite a "boomer" as to real estate. He married Naomi Anderson, a daughter of one of his parishioners, a wealthy merchant, from whom she inherited slaves and much property. Makemie, himself, acquired a considerable grant of land in Virginia, on the Matchatank Creek, much of which he distributed among worthy settlers. In that early time, only those settlers who owned land were entitled to vote, and it was out of gratitude to Francis Makemie that his name has been

handed down through so many families of the Eastern Shore, even among those not of the Presbyterian faith. Although he lived in Virginia, he founded no church there, because of the bitter opposition of the Established Church. It was only in Maryland that the sadly harassed worshippers from other lands received a true welcome. He did, however, receive permission to hold services in his own house, and also at Accomac Court House. He went up and down the coast preaching the gospel from South Carolina as far north as Boston. He made commercial and evangelistic journeys as far as the Barbadoes. One of his chief literary works was "Truths in a True Light, or a Pastoral Letter to the Reformed Protestants in Barbadoes." He made at least one trip to the mother country, bringing back with him two ministers, one of whom, the Rev. Hugh Conn, found his way up the Potomac River and organized in 1716 Captain John's Church at Potomac, Md., upon which site a tablet was recently erected by the Janet Montgomery Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Rev. Hugh Conn also organized the Presbyterian Church at Bladensburg, of which he remained pastor until 1752.

Makemie was not the first Presbyterian clergyman to come to the shores of America. There were others before him, but he was the organizer of American Presbyterianism, uniting the scattered churches of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Long Island to form the General Presbytery of America. It met in Philadelphia in 1706 with Francis Mackemie as its first Moderator.

In 1707 he was imprisoned for preaching without a license and baptizing in New York. He was tried before Lord Cornbury, making an eloquent appeal



during his trial for "Religious Liberty." He was acquitted, although forced to pay the costs of the trial, which amounted to about four hundred dollars. While confined in prison he was still active, for he wrote "a tract which later was published to promote the cause of American independence." The opposition to Lord Cornbury became so bitter after this trial that he was finally removed from office, and three years later was confined in the same prison where Mackemie had been placed. This unhappy experience was among the closing scenes of the preacher's life. He died in 1708 after twenty-five years of pioneer service as a man of God, holding aloft the Banner of Cross amid the trials and perils of a new land. He remembered in his will the Rehoboth Church, his "first and favorite child," and his books, or a part of them, he bequeathed to the first Presbyterian Church of

Philadelphia. A monument to the memory of Francis Makemie, erected by the Presbyterians of America, stands in the old cemetery of his homestead at Holden's Creek, Virginia, where his wife, daughters and other relatives are at rest.

To thee, plain hero of a rugged race,
 We bring the meed of praise too long
 delayed!
 Thy fearless word and faithful work have
 made
 For God's Republic firmer resting place
 In this New World; for thou hast preached
 the grace
 And power of Christ in many a forest glade,
 Teaching the truth that leaves men unafraid
 Of frowning tyranny or death's dark face.
 Oh, who can tell how much we owe to thee,
 Makemie, and to labors such as thine,
 For all that makes America the shrine
 Of faith untrammelled and of conscience
 free?
 Stand here, gray stone, and consecrate the
 sod
 Where sleeps this brave Scotch-Irish man of
 God!

Attention All Members (and Friends) from Ages 9 - 99: It's Movie Night!!

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. to come to Taylor Hall for the showing of "I Can Only Imagine."

This is a recent Christian movie, sad at times, but inspiring to see how Jesus can change the life of any stone-hearted non-believer. Bring a comfortable folding chair and any snacks to share. We will provide popcorn, drinks and fellowship.

If you don't feel safe driving after dark, or need a ride, just let the office know and we'll arrange for pick up and a return home.

Hope to see you there!

Spiritual Life Committee would like to continue Movie Night on the third Friday of each month for ages 9-99. If you would like to recommend a movie or have heard about one you would like to see, let us know and we'll put it on the schedule.

Mitchell David, Chairman



Events, Reports, Notices, & Stuff

CHRISTIAN ED CORNER

Christian Ed is in full force, planning out the rest of our cold weather months until we can get outside! Thank you to those who came out to help cut and tie blankets on January 10th!

Dates are coming together to take the blankets to the Ronald McDonald House, hopefully in March or early April. If anyone would like join us on the trip, feel free to contact any Christian Ed or Mission committee member. We also have more blankets to tie if anyone would like to take some home or get a group together in Taylor Hall. On the first windowsill in Taylor Hall, there are blankets that need to be tied. The finished blankets are stacked on the second windowsill for all to see!

On January 24th we held a SOUPER bowl party during our S'more Jesus night. Kids were able to paint soup bowls, play sports trivia, and bowl (kiddie style).

We will be holding our first Daddy/Daughter, Mother/Son Valentine's Day dance with light-fare and desserts on February 14th from 6-8pm. The older youth group would like to have a "lock-in" one night. The thought is to have it following one of the S'more Jesus nights with the younger children leaving at 8pm and the older kids being able to continue with their lock-in. Some ideas for the youth are laser tag, a scavenger hunt, etc. If anyone has children who are interested, or if you are interested in helping, please contact a Christian Ed member.



Plans are starting to come together for the playground as we are nearing our financial goal. Currently we have \$3005 of the \$5000 we are hoping to raise to cover the expense. Be on the lookout for fundraisers as well as volunteer opportunities to help build the playground. By the time you read this, we will have had a Super Bowl sub sale to help raise funds. We will be holding a few car washes, and we'll have a breakfast with the Easter Bunny (yes, already!!)



Stay tuned for further updates!!
Lindsay Ashton, Christian Ed Chair

Women's Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, February 12
Pines Public House in Ocean Pines -
11:30am

For further information and to
RSVP, please call Evelyn Warren at
410-641-2109



FIRST LENT COMMUNION

will be held on

MARCH 1, 2020



- 1st— EVELYN Warren
- 5th— LYNN Murray
- 6th— JACOB Cook
- 7th— LINDSAY Ashton
- 10th— GEORGE David
- 12th— DOROTHY Timken
THOMAS Truitt
- 15th— DOUGLAS Balster
- 16th— CATHY Leyden
- 19th— MICHAEL Leyden
WILLIAM Smith
- 20th— EATHAN Cook



Happy Anniversary

- 5th— SUZANNE & DOUGLAS Parks
- 9th— JOAN & CHARLES Townsend
- 14th— KARLA & TONY Davis



FAMILY DINNER NIGHT

Tuesday, February 11

5:30pm

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE
SUPPER !!



Prayer Request Form

Date: _____

Please pray for:

Requested by:

Please place my request in the weekly
bulletin:

Yes: _____

No: _____

Mail to:
Buckingham Presbyterian Church
20 South Main St.
Berlin, MD 21811
Attn: Secretary



Your Deacons in Action

At the request of Officer Kerr of the Berlin Police Department, BPC has happily "adopted" two senior ladies who live in the Cottages in Berlin. Basically, we visit these ladies about every two weeks and bring food and fellowship. So far, we've made three delightful visits! The ladies are tickled when we bring some of the prepared meals and soup from the freezer along with some homemade goodies. Some of the food was also provided by the Christian Education children who collected food during their Reverse Advent program. We also delivered Deacon's bags to the ladies at Christmas time. Our next visit will include meals provided by the Deacons. The ladies are always glad to see visitors and welcome easy conversation! Two Deacons typically go together and the trips have been all-around heartwarming. If you would be interested in participating in this program, please let us know.

The Deacons are continuing to bring dinner, paper products, eggs, bread and milk to the Samaritan Shelter on the third Thursday of the month. We prepare dinners and desserts at home, transport it and serve it, and then sit, eat and socialize with the good folks there. This gives the staff some time off. It has been a wonderful experience. We leave the church with the car loaded around 4:00 p.m. and are back at the church no later than 6:30 p.m. If you think you would be interested in this mission, please let us know.

The Deacons meet on the first Monday of each month. If you know of a need in our community, please inform us, as we are here to serve.

Did you know that it is the responsibility of the Deacons to prepare communion and greet folks at the door for Sunday service? If you would be available to come to church a little early on a Sunday morning and greet/welcome folks, please let us know. We want our community to know we care and that EVERYONE is welcome!!

Your Deacons for 2020 are:

Paul Chambers, Gloria Gubosh, Charlie Herpen,
Tammy Nickell, Carol Rose, Evelyn Warren, and
Carol Neal, Moderator.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Soup-er Bowl Sunday 	3 Pastor Hours 10-3 ACG 6:30pm	4 Mens Break- fast—Denovos 8am Session Mtg. 6pm	5 Pastor Hours 10-1 Spirit Form 6pm	6 Choir Practice 7pm AA 8pm	7	8
9	10 Pastor Hours 10-3 Deacons Mtg 6pm ACG 6:30pm	11 Family Dinner Night— Pancakes and Sausage 5:30 	12 Pastor Hours 10-1 Womens Lunch Bunch— Pines Public House 11:30am Spirit Form 6pm	13 Choir Practice 7pm AA 8pm	14 Family Valen- tine Dinner and Dance 5:30pm 	15
16	17 Pastor Hours 10-3 ACG 6:30pm	18	19 Pastor Hours 10-1 Spirit Form 6pm	20 Choir Practice 7pm AA 8pm	21 Movie Night! 	22
23	24 Pastor Hours 10-3 ACG 6:30pm	25	26 Pastor Hours 10-1 Spirit Form 6pm	27 Choir Practice 7pm AA 8pm	28 S'more Time with Jesus— TBA	29

Buckingham Presbyterian
Church

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.*