



The New Leaf



In this season of the year, many people hope to "hit the ground running." The pool bag gets demoted by the backpacks, and nature changes her clothes from spring pinks to yellows, oranges, and purples. The air is thick with humidity and the political winds are blowing fierce.

At Burke Presbyterian, we are approaching the fall with a focus on the art of being together. How do we deepen our life in community, instead of hunkering down? How do we model the countercultural way of Christ, instead of mirroring the fear and anger that might be all around us? The sermons will stroll through the Gospel of Mark, overhearing Jesus teach how to navigate the volatility of this world with openness and humility.

Then, as October comes, we will begin a series called "Grounded," so that we can stay grounded in faith and gratitude no matter what our lives face, from challenging elections to rough diagnoses to that math class or assignment at work that threatens to knock us down.

I encourage you to invite friends to church with you, to join a choir or small group, to try out Sunday School or Youth Ministries, or to serve food to those who are hungry or speak up for those who are lonely (to find out more, check out the Mission Fair on September 8). It is time to put down roots and grow in faith.

Bella



BPC Connections

Exploring Membership Class

We have seen a number of visitors at BPC on Sundays and at special events over the past few months. We are glad to have new families and faces worshipping with us, along with those who have been attending for a while. We hope you are finding our fellowship and time together inspiring, meaningful, challenging, and fun.

Our Fall Exploring Membership class offers anyone who is thinking about joining BPC the chance to learn more about this church and Presbyterians in general. Classes led by Rev. Becca Messman will meet between worship services at 10:15 am on **Sundays, Sept. 15 and 22** in Room E4/5. You will get to know others in a small group setting; learn more about Presbyterian beliefs; share information about ways to get involved with BPC programs, missions, and education opportunities; play "stump the Pastor"; receive a special "BPC 101" booklet; and get answers to any questions you may have. There will be an opportunity to meet the staff and church leaders, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of our BPC campus. After attending the two-week Exploring Membership class, you may choose to join the church by meeting with Session members and being introduced during worship on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Please let Rev. Becca or Vocations Elder Anita Pesses (anita.pesses@gmail.com) know if you would like to attend the class so we may prepare materials. We look forward to hearing from you!

Share Your Passion or Talent

Do you have a truck? Like to sew? Love to work with children or youth? Yearn to be a liturgist? The Vocations Ministry wants to know more about you and the things you like to do and have to offer our community.

If you have not yet filled out BPC's online Get Connected form or your passions and availability have changed, now is a great time to do so. Please scan the QR code to access the form.

Once we have the information you choose to share, we can match your available time and wonderful talents with the ministries of the church that would love to partner with you. For example, we have found people who can help out in the church office, provide instrumental music, teach Sunday School, usher, make meals, and work on local missions. Once you submit the form, your name and talents will be provided to the Elder in charge of a particular effort and you will be contacted. Let's kick off Fall with some new ways to Get Connected!



Volunteer Opportunities

Worship

Worship at BPC refuels us in so very many ways. Some of us refuel by way of listening and stillness, others of us through engagement and conversation. The rhythm and harmony, the give and take, the quiet and reverberation all contribute to that which refuels us during worship.

Maybe you are seeking a new way to be refueled as we worship together. There are opportunities within easy reach behind the scenes and front and center, and all are ways you can support our worship experience for yourself and for others. Here are some possible opportunities for you to consider:

- Lay Leader (children, youth, adults)
- Communion Server (youth, adults)
- Usher (youth, adults)
- Vocal Choir (children, youth, adults)
- Instrumental Ensemble (flute, brass, handbells)
- Audio or Visual Tech (adults)
- Artistic Design



The Worship Team welcomes new voices and perspectives and invites you to refuel as you do a new thing enriching worship at BPC. If you have any questions please contact Worship Elder Sherrie Brady (sherrie.brady@gmail.com).

Christ House Sweater Collection

Every Christmas, BPC collects and gifts sweaters to the residents of Christ House and Kairos House. After five years at the helm, the Bast family (Al, Robin, and Sarah) has decided to pass the torch. They have streamlined the collection process and stand ready to offer the benefit of their experience to an individual, family, friends group or whomever would like to step up.

If you would like to take charge of this meaningful annual project, or you wonder what's involved, please email Kay Taylor (kadatava@gmail.com).



Kitchen

Kitchen volunteer needed. Do you like keeping things organized? We have a volunteer position for you! We are looking for someone to check in on the kitchen twice a week, help keep it stocked with everything in its place, and coordinate kitchen comings and goings. Interested? Please email Hospitality Elder Amanda Deaton (amandadeatonwm@gmail.com).

Connecting at BPC

Small Groups

Being a part of a small group within BPC will help you feel more at home here. It can lead to lifelong friendships that will celebrate with you during joyful times as well as pray and walk with you through difficult times. We are family.

Here at BPC there are many ways to get involved with a small group. Some of these include singing with one of our many choirs, helping on one of the facilities teams such as The Fix-it Team or Polar Bear Team; working on one of our many mission teams such as Snacks and Backpacks tutoring, Kibwezi, and Christ House Meals; a worship team such as ushering or the tech team; or Christian Education with Rainbow, Sunday School, Youth Connections, and so much more.

- **Men of Burke** - a gathering for the men of our church which meets the first Saturday of the month at 7:30 am in the Gathering Space for breakfast followed by a short program. Two weeks after the Saturday meeting there is a morning check in via Zoom just to see how everyone is doing. Come, connect with other men of faith before heading out to that mid-morning soccer game with your kids or grandkids. Bob Hemm, (rvhemm@cox.net).
- **Hiking Together** - a casual group that gathers to go on hikes and explore the wonderful world around us. We are blessed with abundant nature around us here in Fairfax County... have fun exploring! Andrea Ham, (andrea.ham@p8rit.us).
- **Leaves of Grace** - this book group meets on the third Sunday of each month from 3 to 4 pm on Zoom. Participants are from different age groups and bring a rich variety of different career and social experiences. This variation among participants promotes interesting discussion. The group decides which books to discuss at the meetings. The books to be discussed in the Fall of 2024 are:
 - September-*The Other Einstein* (Benedict)
 - October-*They Called Us Enemy* (Takei)
 - November-*Killers of the Flower Moon* (Grann).We hope you will join us. Lynn Miller, (millerserrano@gmail.com).
- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study (TMBS)** - this Bible study for adults is a hybrid group that meets weekly on Tuesday mornings in the church Library at 10am. Beginning on September 3 the challenging letter of The Revelation to John will be read/heard/studied. There is no homework and we use no study guide, but we do talk in depth referring to commentaries and Bible notes. Sherrie Brady, (sherrie.brady@gmail.com).

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- **Monday Night Women's Bible Study** - This group meets on the fourth Monday of the month in the Gathering Space with a hybrid link. We begin at 7pm in person and 7:30 via Zoom. We will be working on the Presbyterian Women's annual study titled "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care For Neighbors and All Creation" by Patricia K. Tull. Jill Moore (JMoore19@cox.net).
- **Nightingales Women's Bible Study** - This year the Nightingales will begin the fall with a potluck on Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm that includes spouses/partners. We are considering a study on the book of John, which will be discussed on Sept. 16. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7pm, on Zoom. Lynne Garvey Hodge (lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com).
- **Bible and Bagels** - Bible and Bagels meets in the church Library twice a month during the school year on Wednesday mornings from 10:30am-noon for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. We will start up again on Oct 9. For more information, contact Sheila Swenson (sheilaswen@cox.net).



Is there something missing... a group you would like to see? We can help you get it started. Come, find your place that makes BPC "home" for you and for your family.

If you would like help getting connected to a group, contact Meg Ross, Elder for Small Groups, (megSmocks@gmail.com).

Adult Spiritual Growth

Sunday School resumes September 8, 10:15-11am



Parents! Beginning this fall, we invite you to join us during the Sunday School hour for Oasis -- a haven of connection for parents of all ages and stages. We'll be kicking off the school year with a (judgement-free!) exploration of the ways that technology is reshaping childhood. We hope you can join us for nuanced, thought-provoking conversations in a mutually supportive setting.

Additional Adult Offerings

Sacred Crossings

Continuation of Sacred Crossings, a series on death and dying with a focus on preparing and making our wishes known to loved ones.

September 15, 10:15-11:00am

This session prepares you to talk about next steps. Come discuss how to talk to family about their wishes. Learn how to support loved ones when there is an unexpected death as you try to match wishes and wants with what can be. Talk about what questions to ask and whom to speak with as you help plan so that your wishes or those of your loved ones are clear for those left behind. George Boissee, the Director of Pre Need and Public Outreach from Fairfax Memorial will lead us in a session to explore options, opportunities, and potential scenarios.

Sunday Morning Scriptures

Sunday Morning Scriptures is offered online on Zoom at 8am or in person at 10:15am starting on September 8. All are welcome to join this rich half-hour session of reading and discussing the sermon text of the morning. The Zoom link (same each week) is published near the top of Friday's email. The group meets weekly to read, discuss, and reflect on the sermon text of the morning. All are welcome!

November 3, 12:30-1:30pm

Come, before the CROP walk, to lunch and conversation with Catherine Schott Murray, a lawyer who can answer questions about powers of attorney, living wills, and all the paperwork that makes someones legacy reflect their wishes.

Faith & Politics

A series on Faith & Politics begins on October 20 with guest preacher and teacher Rev. Roger Gench on the topic of "Sacraments as Political Theology."



We will also hear from Tom Wickham and John Ariale in following weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

Children's Ministry

Elementary Age Sunday School

Sunday mornings 10:15-11am, starting Sept. 8

Our entire amazing children's Sunday School team is returning this year, and they are eager to welcome our children. We will be using a curriculum called "Shine: Living in God's Light," which moves through the biblical narrative, focusing on the Old Testament in the fall and moving into the stories of Jesus in the winter and spring. The weekly lessons generally align with our story sequence in Godly Play, and for children who attend both, we believe the two experiences will reinforce and enhance one another.

During Worship

Godly Play for kids in kindergarten and older resumes on September 8.

Nursery/Stepping Stones for younger children is available throughout the morning, during worship and Sunday School.



Rainbow

Children in grades K through 6 are invited to Rainbow, a "retreat in the middle of the week." Each Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00pm, beginning Sept 25, we gather for recreation/creative arts, music, and a family-style meal.

At Rainbow, we put into practice what it is to be the church and to treat one another as children of God. Parents are encouraged to participate in one way or another.

We also offer Raindrops for younger children of program leaders and assistants.

If your child(ren) would like to participate in any of the programs listed above, please fill out our Children's Ministry Registration Form by scanning the QR code.



Bible Sunday

September 15

This is the Sunday when we present our kindergarteners with gift storybook Bibles and our fourth graders with their own NRSV Bibles, the same one we read in worship. Parents/guardians of kindergarten and 4th graders please scan the QR code so that we can prepare a gift Bible for your children.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SEPTEMBER 15

**BRING YOUR BACKPACK TO CHURCH
DURING WORSHIP AT 11:15
SERVICE**



Save the date!

**Wednesday, September 25
6:00-7:15pm**

Rainbow Welcome Dinner

The whole family is invited!

Youth Ministries

Middle and High School Sunday School

Sunday mornings 10:15-11am

Starting Sept. 8

This year in Youth Sunday School we will be doing a survey of the Old and the New Testament and taking a deeper look at the overarching narrative of the Bible and asking the question: "How does this ancient text apply to my life today?" 6th-12th graders are welcome to join at any time for good fellowship, friends, and insightful discussions!



Youth Connections

Sundays at 5:30pm starting Sept. 8

Youth Connections is a safe, inclusive space where youth can enjoy a meal together, play fun games, have important conversations, and come alongside one another as we each walk our faith journeys. Our focus is on reencountering God through relationship, providing a safe space to explore the tough questions of faith, and navigating life in our contemporary world as a young person. We work to Give Love, Receive Love, and Repeat!



Youth Council

Youth are invited to take ownership of their ministry, in collaboration with adult volunteers. Our Youth Council leadership team meets periodically to imagine, plan, and lead programs for their peers. If you are interested in more information please contact Kyle Putnam (kyle@BurkePresChurch.org).

Snacks & Backpacks



BPC's Snacks & Backpacks Tutoring Club is a local mission that will meet after school on Tuesday afternoons from mid-October through April from 3:30 to 5pm. We provide one-on-one help usually with homework for 10 elementary students. Our mission is to encourage children academically, to befriend them, and to convey how much we value each individual. This year will be our 27th year, but the program can continue only if a *new program coordinator* and *three new tutors* sign up to join the seven volunteers who want to work with their students again. Substitute tutors are also needed who are on-call to fill in when needed.

What's involved in being a tutor or the program coordinator?

Snacks & Backpacks is an equal opportunity mission for volunteers providing wonderful satisfaction for all. We welcome men and women, young and old, tall and short, artists and non-artists, the math savvy or math challenged, and people with all interests. Tutors work with the students for an hour on academic skills. They do not need to know about every subject because information is shared among volunteers when needed. The coordinator sets out the snacks and work boxes for the program each week, meets the bus, and communicates with a pleasant Bonnie Brae Elementary School counselor and with the families of the children in the program.

A typical after-school session at BPC

The children have a snack and then settle down with a tutor to do homework or other age-appropriate work sometimes sent by the teacher. In the last 15 minutes if the studying is finished, we play games inside or out. For some children in Snacks & Backpacks, English is the second language, and they benefit considerably from reading with American adults. Mostly, we serve students with no language challenges but who simply benefit from one-on-one help and the attention of safe adult tutors.

How Can YOU help ?

Snacks & Backpacks Tutoring Club is a rewarding local mission program for everyone – tutors, substitutes, students, and their families. Please come forward to help us continue this program in 2024-2025. Become a tutor or the coordinator. Contact Cathey Parker (cweir@coloradocollege.edu) if you have questions or want to join the tutor group.



Music Ministries

Children

Rainbow Promise (K-2) and Rainbow Connection (3-6)
Wednesdays 5:30-7pm

Children's choirs are a part of Rainbow, BPC's midweek offering for elementary aged students. Through games and activities children explore their voices, experience steady beat and rhythm, and learn the basics of singing. The choirs prepare songs that will be shared in worship. In April, the children will present a musical for worship. Instruments including chimes, xylophones, and percussion will be used periodically.
Rainbow begins on September 25.

Youth

IMPACT (7th-12th)
Sundays 4-5:15pm

IMPACT sings a wide variety of styles in multiple voice parts. The choir is open to all students; no prior experience needed. They typically lead in worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. In June IMPACT will travel by bus to the Carolinas for their annual choir tour.
IMPACT rehearsals begin on September 8.
New member orientation will be at 3:30pm before the first rehearsal.



Rainbow Connection



IMPACT Youth Choir

Daybreak

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 9:45-11am

Daybreak women's choir sings a variety of styles and is open to all ability and experience levels. The choir leads worship once a month at the 9am service.

Daybreak begins on September 10.

Adults

Chancel Choir
Wednesdays 7:30-9pm

Adults of all ages and abilities are invited to sing in the Chancel Choir. There are no prerequisites to singing in the Chancel Choir. New singers (of all voice parts) are welcome. The choir would especially like to have a few more tenors!

Chancel Choir begins on September 4.

Instrumentalists

Handbell Choir

Thursdays 6:45-8:15pm

The Handbell Choir plays music with flexible instrumentation including handbells and other percussion instruments. Youth and adult ringers are welcome, no prior music experience required. Contact Elliott Godinez, (elliott@BurkePresChurch.org).

Handbell Choir begins on October 3.



BPC Brass

Flute Choir

Plays occasionally in worship. High school age and adult flute players are welcome.

BPC Brass

Wednesdays 7pm

Do you currently play a brass instrument? The BPC Brass routinely gets together to rehearse and provide music throughout the year. We are looking for players (including students and “comeback” players) for trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, euphonium, or tuba. We practice most weeks (Tuesday or Wednesday evening depending on the availability of the players) and play duets, trios, quartets, and quintets for worship. If you are interested, contact Basil Decina (basil@burkepreschurch.org).



Maylinh Warren, Lenah Warren & Kevin Nguyen



Clara Erbrecht

For more information contact Julianne Erbrecht, Director of Music Ministries, Julianne@BurkePresChurch.org.

Facilities

The Facilities Team has been busy working on the Major Maintenance Projects - resealing and striping the parking lots, replacing the doors to classrooms E4 & 5, resealing and covering the rooftops, installing new five Fan Coil Units to keep our spaces temperature controlled, and installing new floors in the music room, office, and the work room (with immense thanks to those who helped move all the shelves of music!). We also installed new filtered water and water bottle fillers in place of the old water fountains.

These things would not have happened if not for the help, time, and attention of the members of this congregation. So, the next time you see Ron Marlow (roof guru), Earl Smith (paving prince), BJ Postlewaite (flooring and door director), Holly Walsh (all things point person), and Jocelyn Callister (invoice signer), thank them for their dedicated work in coordinating these big projects!

Please also thank John Warren, Brian Sugden, Alex Serrano, Ron Frye, and Jack Tosi for their help keeping our grounds clean and cleared with the Woodchucks. And share your gratitude with Al Bast, John and Barbara Sethian, David Roberts, Allen Gross, Ron and Lois Page, Norm and Nancy Wulf, and Don Falkenstein for their continuing attention with the Fix-It Team!

And thank YOU for your continued faithfulness in pledging, the gifts of which allow us to maintain, care for, and improve this beautiful facility.

If you'd like to join in any of the regular duties around the building, please reach out to Jocelyn Callister (jocelyncallister@gmail.com).



New doors



Helpful movers



New Striping



Painting and striping



Water bottle filler

Budget & Finance

Financial data as of July 31

| | | 2024 Budget | YTD Actuals | Annual % of Budget |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Income:</u> | | \$1,280,000.00 | \$737,071.46 | 58% |
| | Pledges | \$1,100,000.00 | \$625,910.48 | 57% |
| | Loose Offerings | \$20,000.00 | \$9,229.91 | 46% |
| | Building Use | \$5,000.00 | \$5,045.00 | 101% |
| | Interest/Dividends | \$8,000.00 | \$11,140.54 | 139% |
| | Other | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| | Per Capita | \$6,000.00 | \$2,981.37 | 50% |
| | Online Processing Fees | \$4,000.00 | \$2,847.47 | 71% |
| | 2023 Surplus | \$137,000.00 | \$79,916.69 | 58% |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | \$1,280,596.04 | \$679,948.49 | 53% |
| <i>Personnel Ministry</i> | Personnel/ Salaries | \$503,047.47 | \$274,329.66 | 55% |
| | Benefits | \$151,897.53 | \$72,140.33 | 48% |
| <i>Worship Ministry</i> | | \$16,075.00 | \$4,972.27 | 31% |
| <i>Children's Ministry</i> | Children's Education | \$5,000.00 | \$2,950.63 | 59% |
| | General Administration | \$3,908.00 | \$1,867.48 | 48% |
| <i>Spiritual Growth Ministry</i> | Adult Education | \$3,201.00 | \$1,302.01 | 41% |
| | Library | \$26.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| | Youth Education | \$27,032.00 | \$17,446.30 | 65% |
| <i>Congregational Care Ministry</i> | Community Life | \$2,676.00 | \$2,078.52 | 78% |
| | Small Groups | \$350.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| <i>Vocations Ministry</i> | | \$48.00 | \$143.99 | 300% |
| <i>Outreach Ministry (Mission)</i> | | \$107,594.60 | \$50,974.85 | 47% |
| <i>Communications Ministry</i> | | \$1,839.00 | \$638.68 | 35% |
| <i>Facilities Ministry</i> | Utilities | \$48,800.00 | \$20,936.97 | 43% |
| | Maintenance | \$129,400.00 | \$67,886.39 | 52% |
| | Office | \$74,893.00 | \$43,832.48 | 59% |
| | Transfer to Major Maintenance | \$75,000.00 | \$43,750.00 | 58% |
| <i>Stewardship</i> | Presbytery Per Capita | \$29,087.44 | \$16,963.45 | 58% |
| | Insurance | \$29,459.00 | \$10,973.00 | 37% |
| | Stewardship | \$13,545.00 | \$7,199.39 | 53% |
| | Mortgage Payments | \$57,054.00 | \$38,659.27 | 68% |
| <i>Session</i> | | \$451.00 | \$553.80 | 123% |
| <i>Board of Deacons</i> | | \$212.00 | \$349.02 | 165% |
| Difference: | | (\$596.04) | \$57,122.97 | |

Mission

Silent Auction to support our ministries in Kibwezi September 29-October 6

Bethel Church, Imani elementary school, Polytechnical school, and outlying congregations and pre-schools in Kibwezi, Kenya, are all supported by a long-running Burke Presbyterian - Clifton Presbyterian mission project. Our silent auction will provide essential financial support for many aspects of the program, including:

- Meals at school: uji (Kenyan grits), beans, and maize
- Evangelist salaries and transportation to 15 outlying villages
- Preschool building and classroom supplies
- Scholarships for Polytech students

Watch church emails and bulletin announcements for the link/QR code to access the silent auction, which will be all online this year. Browse frequently, bid often!

Mission Fair
September 8
after each service

Find out how you can get involved!

Donate a service or item to the silent auction

Popular offerings have included baked goods, tickets to theater and sporting events, artwork, yard work, tutoring, help with modern technology, and other opportunities for fun and building relationships. Creativity and new ideas are welcome!

Information on donations is needed no later than September 10, but sooner would be *much* appreciated. Send an email with a description of your donation (as well as a photo) along with your name, address, and points of contact to Jan Smith (justjan0801@gmail.com), and Karyn Niles (keniles@icloud.com).



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Your contributions will support the global witness of Christ's peace. This special offering starts on September 8 through October 6th.

Our neighbors need us. You can give online (scan QR code) or by check made payable to BPC (noting "Peace" or "P&GW" in the memo line). Thank you!



CROP Walk & Shred Event

The 32nd annual Burke/Fairfax CROP Hunger Walk will be held this year on Sunday, November 3, starting at 1:45 pm. Hope you can join in and support this walk!

In 2023, this community walked with over 230 walkers of all ages and raised over \$31,000 that was distributed locally to ECHO and Western Fairfax Christian Ministries to fight hunger and globally through Church World Services to provide food, water, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development. Our church is a strong sponsor of this walk and BPC serves as the start and end location of the walk.

Please consider joining in! Contact Rosanne Jones, Amy Stidham (stidham_a_CROP@aol.com), or Janet or Earl Smith for more information. Thanks for your support!



September is the month BPC makes a special effort to collect food for ECHO. A summer with few food drives and low food donations has left ECHO's Food Pantry with urgent needs. We hope that our generous community will help us.

Requests for food assistance are higher than pre-Covid levels. ECHO sees clients by appointment so as not to overwhelm our capacity, and every food assistance appointment is filled nearly every day. Other organizations are seeing the same level of need. ECHO distributes approximately 25,000 pounds of food each month, but recently food donations have not met the increasing requests.

We hope to meet (or exceed) the more than 1,000 pounds we contributed last September. If you are able, please bring your contributions to the Mission Center cabinet, across from the coffee bar near the front doors. Most needed items include: flour, masa corn flour, sugar, cooking oil, bags of dried lentils and red and black beans, instant coffee, green tea, canned fruit, canned tomatoes and corn.

3rd Year!!
FREE SHRED EVENT
& Food Pantry Collection to
Benefit ECHO

Saturday
September 28th
9am-12pm




Burke Presbyterian Church
5690 Oak Leather Dr. Burke

Sponsored by  SHELLEY DRAHEIM

Professional Shredding provided by  PROSHRED SECURITY

Pie in July

On July 29, BPC hosted our very first “Pie in July,” which focused on our 70+ crowd. The goal was to provide our seniors an opportunity to gather with BPC members and youth for a delightful afternoon of fellowship, music, and arguably the greatest among all God’s desserts: Pie!

Kathy Fleming, who dreamed up the event and organized all the wonderfulness, also served as

Mistress of Ceremonies. Icebreaker questions elicited summer memories and lively conversations. Topics included “How did you spend your summers as a child?”, “When did your family get air conditioning?”, and “When you were in high school, what was your summer job, and how much did it pay?” There isn’t enough room to repeat all the stories, but tea was spilled, and it was also a lovely trip down memory lane.

Of course, there were the scrumptious home-baked pies. On the menu: Lemon meringue, apple (both regular and sugar-free), grasshopper, rhubarb, peach/blueberry, key lime, and cream cheese with summer fruit – truly something for everyone.

Then there was the smashing entertainment – led by Sherrie Brady, serving as accompanist to three Baileys and Bill Campbell. Charles crooned his father-in-law’s take on a popular tune from the 1940s, “The Old Apple Tree.” By special request, Kay and Maddy offered up their wonderful grandmother/granddaughter duet of “I Will Never Leave You”. Kay also delivered a family favorite poem (“Vacation Time”) that evoked loving memories of her Arkansan grandmother.

Always up for singing (despite his near total vision loss), Bill soloed with “The Desert Song,” “Always,” and “Behold the Brilliant Sun,” with entertaining patter and remembrances between the songs. He also joined Sherrie at the end of the event with an impromptu version of “In the Good Old Summer Time.” In a bittersweet twist, it was to be Bill’s final performance; he passed away on August 1.

“Pie in July” was a welcome summertime respite for those who enjoyed laughing, singing, and remembering good times. We’re looking forward to the next big senior fellowship event in December.



VBS Recap



Godly Play



Snack team



Worship



Bread-making



Amigos



Music

BPC Snapshots



Sacred Listening with Rev. AbuAkel



Food packing event for Glasgow MS



Sacred Listening with Rabbi Holzman



Youth Connections



Sacred Listening Lunch



Art activity at church picnic



Christ House volunteers



Pink team!

BPC Snapshots



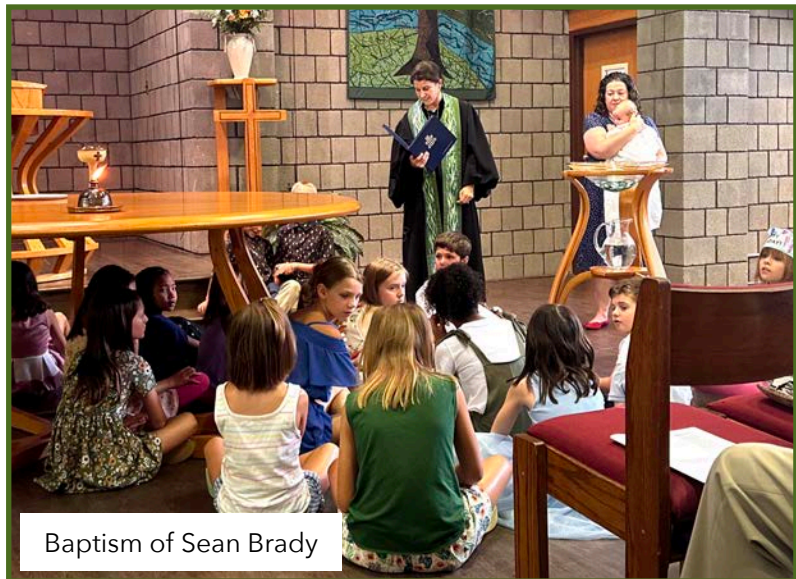
Music in worship



Church picnic



Massanetta bound!



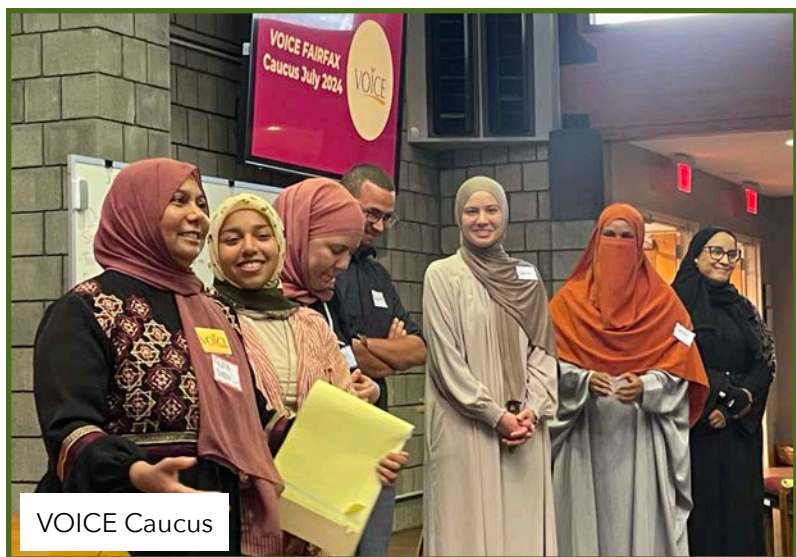
Baptism of Sean Brady



Youth at Montreat



IMPACT brunch



VOICE Caucus

Fall 2024

Return to regular
worship schedule

Starting September 8

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am in person

11:15am in person & online

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 - 11am

To join us for online worship

at 11:15am on Sundays:

Visit

www.BurkePresChurch.org,
choose "Plan a Visit", then
select either the Zoom
button or the YouTube
button.

The New Leaf



Youth Ministry Color Dust Fun

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BPC Leadership

BPC is governed by a 15-member elected Session ("elders") charged with the spiritual leadership of the congregation, policy-setting and long-term planning.

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