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### Preparing Our Hearts, Minds, and Social Media Accounts for Holy Week

Buckingham Family and Friends,

With different kinds of stress coming at us right now, we need each other, our Christian friends, and God more than ever. When you are discouraged by everything, I urge you to think of your discouragement as an invitation to enter into a prayerful mood. To thank God for what you have. To remember all the good times. To think of people in your circle who might need a friendly telephone call. While we can't meet together, we proclaim the "Good News" in any way we can. If we can't meet in person, we can meet over the telephone, on conference calls, and on our church's Facebook page. The coronavirus has shut many doors for us, but God has opened up many more. Because we are fast on our feet as a church, we move into new ways of doing things quickly. We are confident that God is in control, so we act with boldness (not arrogance, but boldness, there is a difference). Remember that fires and storms have knocked down our past buildings, but the true church continues without a pause. That's why Buckingham has survived 350 years. We are an adaptable, resilient, prayerful people. We don't crumble when the obstacles multiply. We meet the challenges and then we move ahead. We are going to show our children and grandchildren what the church is made of and how important it is to keep its ministry going.

I can't tell you how upset I get when I read in the newspaper that such-n-such church has "closed down" because of COVID19. What kind of message does that send to the community about who we are? Just because the church building is closed for public services, that does not mean the "church is closed." The church is a spiritual community that scatters during the week physically but is still united in spirit...whether or not it meets in a building. Because your Session believes that it is important that the church adapt to new circumstances in this crisis in a responsible way, they have said we are "moving online" rather than having said we are "canceling services." Saying that we are "moving online" means we are still worshipping, but not in the sanctuary or Taylor Hall. Moreover, there is no reason to stop having committee meetings, kid's events, bell ringing, or music events. All of those things can take place online now. Since we can still meet, let's do it! When the world shuts one door, God opens another.

(Pastor's Message Cont'd on next page)



**Make a spiritual journey  
with Jesus to Jerusalem**



**I Then Shall Live—  
Gaither Vocal Band**

(Click on Link)

<https://youtu.be/QgeDwo1Chu0>

## Overcoming the Challenges of Figuring out Social Media

We are forced to move online to hold services but that does not mean it is an easy process to do so. Facebook and Zoom can be more complicated than we would want them to be. Moreover, these technologies are changing all the time which can heighten the confusion. But I want you to hang in there. Give yourself time to work out all the problems. If you are trying to use the technology for the first time, give yourself five times to figure out all those complexities. Be proactive in trying out the technology. Be proactive in helping people that you know are not familiar with this new technology. If you are unfamiliar with the technology, ask friends and family for help. Ask to borrow a computer. If you still can't figure out the technology, send your pastor an email or call, maybe he can figure it out. But at all costs, don't drop out of the online events because of frustration. Together we can make this work! J

## Helping to support this new Online Form of Community

To host this online community, we need a new group of people to help with co-hosting Zoom calls and holding the camera as we tape live events. We also need people to help others over the phone to work out the tech glitches that prevent them from accessing the live events. If you could help in any of these ways, please email the office or me personally.

## Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

To better help connecting us during Holy Week, I've sketched out a list of Zoom and Facebook live events you can participate in. In the case of Facebook please start an account if you don't have one. After you join, please "like" the church's page. Once you are connected to the page, someone can send you an invite.

### Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

10 AM—Service (Facebook)  
11AM—Pipe Organ Music Meditation (Facebook)  
12 Noon—Ringing the Bell (Facebook)

### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

12 Noon—Ringing the Bell (Facebook)  
6:30PM—Caregiver's Group (Zoom)

### Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

12 Noon—Ringing the Bell (Facebook)

### Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

12 Noon—Ringing the Bell (Facebook)  
6:00PM—Tenebrae Service: Service of Light & Darkness (Zoom) with Spiritual Formation Class

### Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

11AM—Surviving The Crisis Support Group (Zoom)  
12 Noon—Ringing the Bell (Facebook)

### Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

12 Noon—Ringing the Bell (Facebook)  
12:10PM—Good Friday Readings & Music (Facebook)

### Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

10AM—Service (Facebook Live) & Communion at Home  
11AM—Pipe Organ Music Meditation (Facebook)  
12 Noon—Ringing the Bell & Singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus at home

**Was It A Morning Like This—He Is Risen!**  
**Sandi Patty**  
**(Click on Link)**

<https://youtu.be/eb1ayV5sTtM>



## PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continued to meet weekly in February and March. We have interviewed several potential pastors, often conducting multiple interviews in an evening. We are refreshed that everyone we interview seems to feel that we have a lot of good things going on at Buckingham Presbyterian and we feel we are making progress.

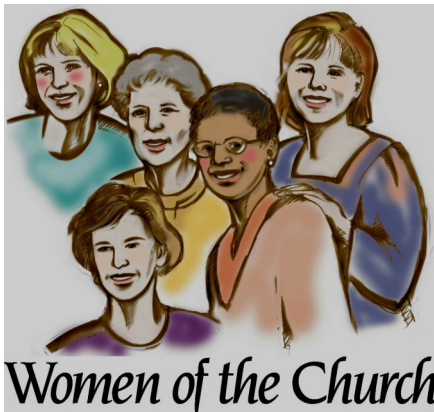
We encourage one another and our congregation family to be persistent in prayer, faith, and hope. We are sustained by God's word and His plan as written in Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT), "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Above all, we continue to keep in mind that we are looking for a leader who can help us **provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God's Word and for God's glory.**

We are excited to see the great things God has in store for us and humbled to serve in this important process. If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the committee.

Thank you for your trust, patience, and prayers!

~BPCPNC



The Women of the Church met on Monday the 9th of March to distribute the funds raised last November 2019 when we held our Christmas Luncheon/Faire. The monies earned always go toward Mission Projects, including a percentage to the church.

It was decided that—

- Buckingham Elementary School will receive \$200.00 toward the school lunch program
- Samaritan Shelter will receive \$1,000.00
- Diakonia \$250.00
- Spirit Kitchen \$250.00
- \$200.00 will go toward our Kitchen Fund.

We hope this coming November 2020 to continue with the Christmas Luncheon/Faire and earn more monies toward these important Mission Projects. Many thanks for all your support in the past and continued support in the future.

Women of the Church



During this time of school and food pantry closures please spread the word that our **Blessing Box**

is open 24 hours a day. If you want to contribute feel free to add non perishable food and household items to our box ( toilet paper is always appreciated)  
We can get through this together!



## Events, Reports, Notices, & Stuff

### Your Deacons in Action

It has been a bit challenging to be a Deacon and reach out at this time, but we keep trying. After dropping off a check at the Worcester Youth and Family Services to sponsor a Bus Stop Snack Shop give away at The Cannery, the schools closed. We just kind of dropped and ran after delivering food to our Adopt-A-Seniors. The Samaritan Shelter is "sheltering in place." They stopped their soup kitchen and are accepting no new residents at this time. We had already purchased toilet paper, paper towels, and diapers for them so, we drove down and delivered them. They were very appreciative. Worcester Youth found a way to serve and to use our funds by making 40 brown bagged lunches and delivering them to the office at The Cannery. We will continue to plunge ahead in the days to come and help in any way that is possible. Many blessings to all of you.

## One Great HOUR OF SHARING

April 12, 2020 Special Offering

Mail to BPC,  
P.O. Box 248  
Berlin, MD 21811

Or go to the **Donate** button on our website—

Secure payment through PayPal

[www.buckinghampcusa.org/giving](http://www.buckinghampcusa.org/giving)

### 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.

P.O. Box 248

Berlin, MD 21811

Attn: Secretary



4/3— JOE Pylypczuk

4/14—Brooke Warren

4/16—PAUL Cook

4/18—SUSAN Rencher

4/22—Wyatt Parker

4/23—DAVID Pruitt

## Happy Anniversary

4/27—Welch, Edward & TICIA



**DAY OF PENTECOST  
COMMUNION**

will be held on

**May 31, 2020**