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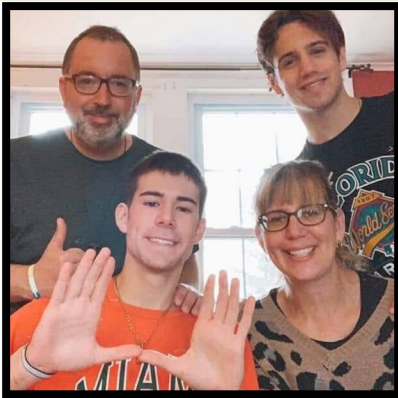
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## MEET OUR NEW PASTOR:

Aimee and I are SO excited to settle into our new home in Berlin and to begin a beautiful ministry with Buckingham! A little background on me to help us get to know each other:

I was born in Allentown, PA, where I met Aimee, my wife of 25 years. We were blessed by our two sons, Lucas, 20 (in his second year at American University in Washington, D.C.) and Samuel, 18 (a recent high school graduate with plans to attend the University of Miami beginning in January 2021.)

We have always been active in our respective churches, first as Roman Catholics, and then as Presbyterians. We have helped lead worship teams, various adult and children's ministries, men's and women's Bible studies and more.

Feeling the call into ordained ministry, our family moved in 2007 to Richmond, VA, where I earned my MDiv at Union Presbyterian Seminary (formerly Union-PSCE) in 2010. We stayed in Richmond another year while I earned a second master's degree in Patient Counseling while working as a full-time resident chaplain at VCU's Medical College of Virginia. This was a great experience for me, and I like to say I am a better pastor for my work as a chaplain. (And any church I serve gets a 2-for-1 deal too!)

I was ordained on October 30, 2011 and have since served in the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley in my first call as a solo pastor in two historic rural congregations enjoying a shared ministry in upstate New York: The First Presbyterian Church of Gilbertsville and The Garrattsville United Presbyterian Church. Both churches share often in worship, fellowship, and mission together. This experience has been an immense blessing from the beginning. Trust was formed early, not only with church members but also with the larger community. We have laughed and cried together, standing side-by-side in times of sadness and tragedy while also celebrating new life and new life-giving ministries.

Highlights of my ministry in New York include: building ecumenical partnerships with local pastors and congregations; growing an active, ecumenical and mission-centered Youth Fellowship; teaching weekly and seasonal Bible studies and confirmation classes for both youth and adults; serving on the Presbytery's Christian Nurture Team bringing youth together from our many churches to serve on local and out-of-state mission teams and attending Triennium twice(!) in 2016 and 2019. I also serve as a voting member of the Presbytery's Cabinet, as moderator of a member church's Session while in transition, and I served as chair of the CPM for several years.

I, along with my family, have been richly blessed by our experiences here in New York. And yet, somehow, we all sensed that it was time to see where the Spirit would lead us next. And what do you know - we've landed in Berlin! We cannot wait to see where God now leads us all - together!

**So, LET'S GO BUCKINGHAM! LET'S GO!**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28: 19-20*



## Rev. Glenn Zuber's Last Gram Article: Fond Memories of the Eastern Shore

Friends, how quickly our time together has passed! As I write my last article for the Gram, I've decided to share my personal experiences on what lessons I've learned as a historian, minister, and "community organizer/economic development"-type leader in the last year. (Just to be clear, by "community organizer"-type person I do not mean a political organizer; rather, I mean someone who thinks the church has to work together with other community leaders and institutions to flourish and reach new people). I could write a book about what I've learned during my pastorate, but will limit myself to just two big discoveries.

The long religious traditions of the Eastern Shore—Many of America's first churches were founded on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I never thought I would be working in and around churches, especially Presbyterian ones, that go back to the 1600s. Not many people realize the role of the Eastern Shore's uniquely long history in the development of the United States.

When I attended Princeton Seminary, I did an internship with an Elizabeth, New Jersey church near New York City that started as a Congregationalist Church (part of a Puritan colony originating in Connecticut) and which eventually became a Presbyterian church when the great revivals of the 1700s swept through the area. But in this instance, the congregation started in the 1600s but the Presbyterian affiliation only started in the 1700s. Buckingham Presbyterian Church is uniquely old compared to other "colonial Presbyterian churches."

Moreover, the fact that many families in the Buckingham church and the Berlin community can trace their heritage and roots back to the 1700s and 1600s has been an additional joy for me to discover.

The Recent Revival of the Berlin Downtown—As I understand it, Berlin's town leaders started to organize and invest in the town's downtown in the 1980s. Today, Berlin's downtown is full of restored buildings, art studios, specialty shops, and visiting tourists. One of the special benefits to serving in this area has been seeing first-hand how a group of town leaders could defy the national trend of abandoning old downtowns and work successfully to bring people and businesses back. There are lessons here for older downtown churches too. Older downtown churches must also see their futures as connected to the story and fate of the downtowns in which they exist. As I leave for new ministries, I will no doubt mention the innovative actions of Berlin's town leaders over the years as an example of community leaders making a big difference in their local economy and culture.

I could go on, but those two insights must suffice for now. Many people have asked me to visit the church when visiting the beach in the future. I will definitely try and visit the church in future years as the church holds commemorative events. Remember that Buckingham's 340<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is only 3 years away! See you then! In the meantime, take care and know you are all very special to me.

Best Wishes, Rev. Glenn



## 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 will also be starting on July 28th with 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

In recalling families that were active in Buckingham's past, Cheryl Powell Holland's family very much comes to mind. Cheryl's parents, Roland and Etta Powell, were both active members. Etta was a life-long friend of my mother, Dorothy Taylor, and they were tireless workers for any BPC event. Roland Powell was manager of the Adkins Company in Berlin and Ocean City, a position now filled by Cheryl's son Richard (Rick) Holland.

Cheryl's grandparents, Covington (known as Commodore) and Alberta Powell, gave our beautiful silver communion service to Buckingham. I recall the Sunday it was dedicated, sometime in the 1950's. Roland's sister, Cheryl's Aunt Ella, was married to Dr. Frank R. Lewis and I remember sitting behind the Lewis' at the dedication. Cheryl's cousins, Jack and Frank Lewis, both became doctors.

Happy Trails, Lynne

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## Spiritual Life Committee

The Spiritual Life Committee will again start showing Christian Movies in Taylor Hall. The plan is to offer these movies the third Friday of each month. We'll keep you informed of the next title to be presented.

Covid restrictions will apply—Please wear a mask and sit six feet apart.



## Christian Ed

Christian Ed began holding the S'More Time with Jesus outreach program on June 12th. We kicked it off with Cascading Carlos, the juggler, and the Street Kitchen food truck. We had about 65 in attendance that evening. On June 26th a beach blanket bingo night was held with roughly 25 in attendance. July 10th we held an outdoor paint night with Lindsey Winters, the art teacher at Showell Elementary School with 63 in attendance. We also served hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks that evening.

One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks were handed out for those who wanted to participate in the upcoming "fishing tournament" on August 14th. Pastor Mark will be sharing a fishing story that evening and we will hold our weigh-in with the banks brought back. If you didn't get a bank and want to participate there are a few left in the Blessing Box. Our leader board will consist of 1st and 2nd place for the heaviest fish (weight), the biggest fish (most money), and the most fish (number of banks returned per family). We will also award the funniest fish, scariest fish, and most original fish. As always, all are welcome to join in the fun!





## Mission Report

Thank you to everyone who helped support **Ocean City Elementary School** during the school shut down. Each week teachers, the guidance counselor, and staff picked up the food from our church on Friday mornings and delivered to those in need. We helped about 22 families for 4 weeks supplying them with milk, eggs, bread, lunch meat, and sliced cheese. Pictured is the last week we helped with supplying food to the families in need. On the last week we supplied the families with hot dogs, rolls, turkey, bread, sliced cheese, eggs, milk, corn, mac & cheese, carrots, bananas, and muffin mix.



## OCEAN CITY ELEMENTARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



In the fall our church will continue this ministry as we were asked to take over the backpack mission project for **Ocean City Elementary School**. Several from the Christian Ed Committee have stepped up to help oversee this mission, however all are welcome to join in and be part of this ongoing mission throughout the year. More information will be in the upcoming month on how you can help!!



7/2— SUSAN Cropper  
 7/7— KANDIS Kulyk  
 KATHLEEN Pruitt  
 7/10— KATHLEEN Eschenburg  
 7/12— Teresa Murray  
 7/17— CAROL Neal  
 7/19—BRENDA Burbage  
 7/21—ROSEALEE Campion  
 7/26— JOHN Fisher  
 7/29— PEGGY Jones  
 PATRICIA Rouch

8/3— ACHSAH Jarman  
 8/5— Grayson David  
 8/10— David Kohler  
 8/13— DOROTHY Warren  
 8/27—KARLA Davis  
 DANA Tull

## PIES, PIES, PIES!

Deacons will be selling their famous Peach Pies in Buckingham Presbyterian Church's parking lot. Saturday, August 1st 10am—until pies are sold out!

Cost of pies: \$15  
 Cost of slice: \$3

A super yummy way to support the Deacons' Fund which assists needy people of our community.



8/23—Fred & CAROL Neal



7/22— WILLIAM & ROSEALEE Campion  
 7/24— Jeremy & LINDSAY Ashton



**Help Keep Our Blessing Box Full!**

## 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. or P.O. Box 248  
 Berlin, MD 21811

## READ, READ, READ

Children's author Pamella A. Russell will be selling & signing her debut Chapter Book *Adventures of the Saci Kids: A New Home*



Retail Price \$14.99

**30% of the proceeds will be donated to the Deacons' Fund.**

Major Credit Cards accepted