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#### "S'more time with Jesus" & Children's Ministries Keep Expanding

Friends, I want to tell you some exciting news: God is using <u>your church</u> to touch people's lives! And I don't say that lightly. What an exciting time to be a Buckingham member. What a privilege to be here right now.

This last Sunday during services people were raving about how fun "Trunk-n-Treat" was on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. The costumes were great and maybe 200 people participated. I'm so glad things turned out so well. I've heard we will hold that event again next year.

Our "S'more Time with Jesus" events run by Elders Lindsay Ashton and Cindi Pruitt are helping us reach out to our community. On Friday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, the church held a "S'more Time with Jesus" and 75 adults and kids came out. We had so many people come we almost ran out of food! And then two days later, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, we saw a bunch of new people come to services. We had at least 5 families visit us who had never come before to our church. We had around 70-75 people in worship, 20 of those in the Kid's classes. Our new teenage class for 12 and 13-year-olds had six students. After the first service, the kids continued to play in the Sunday school rooms, Taylor Hall, and the parking lot where we have a new basketball hoop installed. While the kids played, the parents caught up with one another during an extended fellowship hour.

Days like the ones I've described above are a dream come true, an answer to prayer. When kids are bringing their parents to church, that's the sign of the Holy Spirit moving in your midst. When volunteers are organizing kid's events, that's a sign people are responding to the call of Jesus to serve others. When kids and parents stay a long time after church to play and talk, you know your church excels at hospitality. Buckingham is a very special community, and you are a part of its growth and spirit of love!

#### Classes for Middle and High Schoolers

In addition to children's ministries, our classes for older kids keep expanding too. We continue to offer a Sunday school class for 6-9<sup>th</sup> graders, and we have several students taking our confirmation class on Sunday nights. One parent told me she wanted to contact families with older high school students so they could first help with the younger class and then, eventually, start their own class. It would be great to sponsor an older high school class.

#### Developing Musical Opportunities for Children and Youth

If you had a chance to experience the "Songs of America" concert on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, you undoubtedly had a great time. The Soloists and the Worchester Prep School youth choir were inspiring with their secular and sacred songs of the Revolutionary-Era. The costumes from the 1770s was the best. Someone commented to me that they thought it was great to see kids sing hymns in a choir. We thank Lynne Murray for her leadership in putting together the concert for the community. Many new people found out about Buckingham through the concert. We hope to develop more relationships with music-lovers in our area. Music and song have always been a valued part of the Christian tradition.

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Finally, our new Director of Music, **Gregory Frazer**, mentioned opportunities for children's music in the future as he introduced himself to the congregation during both services this last Sunday. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to participate in a musical event, please talk to Greg. Greg has a vision of our music program that would include children.

#### <u>Prayers and Support for our Children's/Youth Ministries</u>

Did you know you can support our Children's and Youth Ministries right now? Make it a priority to pray for our children's leaders, Lindsay and Cindi, our children's program, our young music performers, high school parents, and music director as they seek to build a loving congregation that can appreciate and include children and youth.

Best Wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving Season!

Rev. Glenn

# PLEASE WELCOME NEW BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Hello! My name is Mary White and I was recently hired as the part-time church secretary. My husband and I retired over seven years ago from the Baltimore area and moved to Ocean Pines. After a long and restful break, I was interested in getting back to work in a part-time capacity and just happened to stumble upon this perfect opportunity at Buckingham. Since most of my career was in the field of Human Resources, I'm hoping to make a productive contribution to the administrative team. In just a few short weeks, I've learned that Buckingham Presbyterian Church has quite a history here in Berlin and I've met many wonderful people in the church who have been so welcoming! If you get the chance, please stop by the church office and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you!!



Gregory Fraser, Music Director Buckingham Presbyterian Church—Following a 37 year federal government career (NARA, NSA, and CIA) and a concurrent 20 year career as music director of St. Peter's Episcopal church in Ellicott City, MD, my wife and I heard the ocean calling us. We live in North Ocean City. We love it here and we look forward to being a part of the Buckingham Presbyterian Church family as well as growing the music program. We've certainly felt welcomed!





Join us -Thursday Evenings @ 7:00pm Share the joy of ministry in music

#### A Note from Historian Lynne Murray



Dear Church Friends,

Please indulge me for again deviating from my assignment of writing an historical article. I must tell you about the October 20 Vocal Concert and thank the many people who worked to make it a success. I was pleased to welcome the audience from the pulpit and although I've addressed the congregation from the sanctuary floor I found that to be a daunting and inspiring experience!

First on the agenda was classically trained soprano **Kristin Jones**, accompanied by pianist **Kathleen Rhodes**. Both ladies were attired in authentic colonial costume with Kristin as a lady in a polonaise, or draped skirt style. Kathleen was dressed as Continental soldier, Deborah Sampson, whose identity as a woman wasn't discovered until she was wounded and taken to a hospital. Kathleen shared with us the history of each tune, that included songs popular in the colonies during the American Revolution.

Following the intermission, Worcester Preparatory School Music Director Christopher Buzby opened the second part of the program. Buzby grew up singing with the Philadelphia Boy's Choir and had participated in programs that included tenor Luciana Pavarotti. Twenty-two young men and women in the WPS Vocal Ensemble, attired in their school blazers, performed in the choir loft to the accompaniment of recorded instrumental background music. Their selections included American favorites such as Danny Boy, Shenandoah, and Build Me Up Buttercup. The Vocal Ensemble concluded their program with The Star Spangled Banner, to which the inspired audience joined in.



Kathleen Rhodes, a church organist for over fifty years, closed the musical portion of the program with a rousing rendition of *Stars and Stripes Forever* on our new Rodgers organ.

Reverend **Glenn Zuber** spoke briefly to the audience about the history of Buckingham and invited everyone to attend the reception in Taylor Hall.

The patriotic theme of the event was reflected in the fresh flowers, donated by **Susan Cropper**, for the sanctuary and the buffet table in the Hall. Serving pieces for the buffet were red, blue, and silver, offering coconut macaroons, vanilla meringues, and several varieties of cookies and pastries. Candies included red and blue gumballs and red, white, and blue M&M's. Red striped treat bags were available for carry-out.

I owe a sincere thanks to so many. Thanks to Rev. Glenn for his support and interest. Bob Arthur met with Kristin and Kathleen and with Chris Buzby at their convenience to familiarize them with the facility and to fine-tune the sound system. Thanks to Cindi Pruitt and the ladies of the church, some of whom worked all day Sunday: Rose Campion, Sue Mallory, Carol Neal, Tracey Trask, and Lynda Truitt. Thanks to Carol Rose for the newly planted chrysanthemums and those who planted them; (was it Jason Parker and Lindsay Ashton?) Thanks to Carol Rose and her crew (was it Gloria Gubosh and Carol Neal?) for polishing all the wood in the sanctuary! Thank you to JL. Cropper, Myra, and Hugh Thomas, for greeting and handing out programs. Thank you to Amanda Cropper for the graphic design of the program. A thank you to Dorothy Warren for attending; we used to sing in the choir together and are big fans of musical events. Thank you Teresa Murray for loading and unloading, and loading and unloading... And thanks to those I forgot to thank!

HAPPY TRAILS, LYNNE

#### From the Desk of Lindsay Ashton, Christian Education Chair

What an awesome start to the official Sunday school year we have had! Our attendance is averaging 12 -15 kids per Sunday during the 9:00 service. We had 20 in attendance on October 13th. Jerry Woroniecki has been heading up the youth class which has grown from 1 or 2 each Sunday to 4-6 in attendance, great job!! We are working to update their room with more comfortable seating and youthful art on the walls. Our youth group is also building a blessing box to be placed outside the church. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help stock the box! Tracey Trask and Laura Amrhein's class has had anywhere from 8-12 in attendance and Ms. Carol Rose's class has 2-4 each week. We are looking into expanding our classes and offer an additional class for ages 8 -11 year olds, if you have children in this age group and are interested in seeing a class form please contact Lindsay for more information, 410-629-1029 or linzparker@hotmail.com. We would like to add a Lego table to the elementary class, if anyone has Lego's to donate or an old coffee table which we can convert into a Lego table please let the office or Lindsay know. If you haven't heard about our new Bible Bucks store your kids won't want to miss out. Keep a lookout for when it will be open! Kids earn tokens for attending Sunday School, family dinners, S'more Jesus events, and bringing friends! Once a month the "Bible Bucks Store" will be open to cash those tokens in for prizes! Check the boards in the hall, the bulletin and Facebook to find out when it opens!

S'more Time with Jesus had 75 in attendance for our pumpkin painting night on October 11th! On October 25th we held our 1st Trunk or Treat night with 16 decorated vehicles who passed out candy to about 50 kids. We had about 100 total adult and kids show up. Thank you to everyone who is continuing to help support this outreach. Starting in November S'more Time with Jesus will be moved inside until the spring. On November 8th we will have a kid paint night, anyone who would like to leave their paintings can have their art displayed in the local Berlin businesses during the Art Stroll on November 29th. Dinner will be included, and the paint night is open to all ages! We will have handprint paintings for ages 1-3, ages 4-7 will have an outline drawn on the canvases and 8 and up will have an instructional painting. On November 22nd we will have a Thanksgiving themed night with Lego challenges and minute to win it games. We will also have a pumpkin to write things you are thankful for; this will be read during a Thanksgiving service.

We are joining in on a Worldwide Celebration of kicking off Kindness week on November 10th with a dance. Join in by registering to dance at <a href="https://www.lifevestinside.com/dance-for-kindness/">https://www.lifevestinside.com/dance-for-kindness/</a> and select Berlin, MD as your place to dance. You will be emailed a link with the dance to practice. Festivities begin at 2pm with a variety of activities, crafts, etc. Don't forget to wear the kindness color of orange for specials throughout town. We are hoping to be able to broadcast live with Salisbury and dance at the same time! Two communities joining together to spread kindness!!

With Thanksgiving being so late this year and very few Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas we will be starting play practice on Sunday the 17th. If you are interested in a part in the play you must attend on the 17th and each Sunday for a part in the play. We will also be having our tree trimming on Dec. 1st at 4pm, followed with dinner and Christmas caroling. We will be kicking off a reverse advent calendar this day as well. If you have never heard of one or want to find out more on getting involved in giving back this season be sure to attend! We will also have a float again this year in the Christmas parade, we will need children to ride on the float as well as parents.







### Events, Reports, Notices, & Stuff

#### Christmas Bazaar/Luncheon and Faire

Saturday, November 16, 10am-2pm
Luncheon will include Eat-in or Take out Menu.
Eat-in: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Soup, & drink.
Carry Out: Soup by the pint or quart, a pint of chicken salad, or a sandwich. There will be a variety of soups.



Christmas gifts by local Artisans will be available. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact:

Rose Campion at 443-880-8444 or Lyndsay Ashton at 410-629-1029.

We are looking for volunteers to help in many areas: Friday—Set Up & Saturday—Luncheon and Dessert Servers, Dishwashers, Cooks, Soup Dippers, Clean Up & more.

There are only a few weeks left for this event.
Please use the Sign Up Sheet in Taylor Hall.

The Women of the Church THANK YOU!

Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect nothing. Give thanks.
Surrender. Be open.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give so you may receive.
See goodness in others.

OuotesIdeas.com

Saturday, November 2 at 6:00pm

Buckingham Presbyterian Church presents a

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

by

The Evans Family Everyone is Invited



#### Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, November 5, 8:00am @
DeNovo's Restaurant in Ocean Pines
For more information, contact Charlie Herpen at
cwherpen@gmail.com or call:
443-373-3130 or 410-208-0110

Start your day with food, fellowship, and the Lord! (This will be the last men's breakfast of this year.)

#### S'more Time with Jesus

KIDS PAINT NIGHT!

November 8

6-8pm

COME JOIN THE FUN!





#### Women's Lunch Bunch

Wednesday

November 13, 11:30am @ Sunset Grille

West Ocean City

Bring a friend!

For further information please contact:

Evelyn Warren at 410-641-2109

#### Your Deacons and Missions are Busy!

Our church, through the hands and feet of the Deacons and Mission Team, continue to be working hard to serve our community. Monthly we feed those in transition at the Samaritan's Shelter in Pocomoke City. This month we served dinner for adults and three children. Many of the residents are in transition as they work and reside there until they can get their own housing. In addition to a scrumptious meal and dessert, we were able to give the children pillows and books.



They were thrilled. The residents are always grateful for the meals we serve, paper products we provide and great conversation. We have asked a representative from the shelter to speak at our December 8 BPC church service to familiarize our congregation on their facility and mission focus. This will enable everyone to be fully aware when we support them through our Angel and Hearts tree at Christmas time. We serve meals on the third Thursday of each month. If you are interested in joining us, let Nance Hall know or sign up on the sheet located on the Volunteer board.

In addition to Samaritan's Shelter, we continue to assist Worcester County residents in need with rent and utility assistance. We provide support through donations to the Spirit Kitchen and will be working closely with our local elementary schools to sponsor Student of the Month programs, Ice cream days, sponsorship of a family for Thanksgiving, as well as collect much needed items such as socks and school supplies. In the future you will hear more about the installation of a Blessing Box and a Giving Tree at our church that will enable us to collect much needed clothes, food and living essentials for schools and those in need. Collecting proactively will allow us to be quicker in satisfying needs in our community with improved efficiency. Stay tuned as we provide more details on these projects. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| DATE:             | UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS / MARK YOUR CALENDARS!               |
| Tuesday, Nov 5    | MENS BREAKFAST 8am DeNovo's in Ocean Pines                   |
| Friday, Nov 8     | S'MORE TIME W/JESUS - Kids' Paint Night 6-8pm                |
| Sunday, Nov 10    | STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY   |
| Tuesday, Nov 12   | FAMILY NIGHT DINNER - It's Italian! 6pm; TRUSTEE MTG. 6:30pm |
| Wednesday, Nov 13 | WOMENS LUNCH BUNCH 11:30 at Sunset Grille                    |
| Saturday, Nov 16  | CHRISTMAS BAZAAR / LUNCHEON & FAIRE 10am-2pm                 |
| Friday, Nov 22    | S'MORE TIME W/JESUS - Lego Night! 6-8pm                      |
| Thursday, Nov 28  | THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST W/CHURCH FAMILY                       |
| Sunday, Dec 1     | TREE TRIMMING AND CAROLING                                   |
| Thursday, Dec 5   | BERLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE                                      |
| Saturday, Dec 7   | SANTA BREAKFAST  |
| Sunday, Dec 8     | COMBINED WORSHIP 10am; ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG. 11am       |
| Friday, Dec 13    | S'MORE TIME W/JESUS – Christmas VBS 6-8pm                    |
| Sunday, Dec 15    | FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS & PAGEANT                             |
| Tuesday, Dec 24   | CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE                            |
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## Family Dinner Night Tuesday, November 12 6:00pm

It's Italian! Deliziosa!!

Come and enjoy baked ziti and sweet Italian sausage.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to enjoy an evening of fellowship and food!



#### S'more Time with Jesus

It's Lego Night!! November 22, 6-8pm COME JOIN THE FUN!







4th- JOHN Stricker

10th- DEACON Cook

11th— ALEXIS Black

**CAMERON Tull** 

14th — CLAIR Parker

15th — RICHARD Jones

JAMES Welch

16th— Jordan Simpson

Todd Gibboney

18th- CAROLE Smith

20th— JEFFREY Porter

21st — PENELOPE David

25th — JAMES Mallory

29th - RICHARD Holland Jr.



23rd - David & DEBRA Trevino

#### COMMUNION

December 1, First Sunday of
Advent—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.



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| 3 Confirmation<br>5:30-7pm                        | 4 Pastor<br>10am-3pm<br>Adult Caregiv-<br>ers 6:30pm   | 5 Men's Break-<br>fast 8am @<br>DeNovo's             | 6 Pastor 10am<br>-1pm<br>Spiritual For-<br>mation 6pm                                       | 7 Choir 7pm<br>AA 8pm                      | 8 Kids' Paint<br>Night     | 9   |  |  |  |
| STEWARDSHIP<br>SUNDAY<br>Confirmation<br>5:30-7pm | 11 Pastor 10am<br>-3pm<br>Adult Caregivers 6:30pm      | 12 Family<br>Night—Italian<br>Trustee Mtg.<br>6:30pm | 13 Women's<br>Lunch Bunch<br>11:30am<br>Pastor 10am-<br>1pm<br>Spiritual For-<br>mation 6pm | 14 Choir 7pm<br>AA 8pm                     | 15 Set-up<br>Luncheon 10am | 16 Christmas Bazaar/ Luncheon & Faire 9am-2pm |  |  |  |
| 17 Confirmation 5:30-7pm                          | 18 Pastor 10am<br>-3pm<br>Adult Caregiv-<br>ers 6:30pm | 19   | 20 Pastor<br>10am-1pm<br>Spiritual For-<br>mation 6pm                                       | 21 Choir 7pm<br>AA 8pm                     | 22 S'More—<br>Lego Night   | 23  |  |  |  |
| 24  | 25 Pastor<br>10am-3pm<br>Adult Caregiv-<br>ers 6:30pm  | 26   | 27 Pastor<br>10am-1pm<br>Spiritual For-<br>mation 6pm                                       | 28 Thanksgiving Breakfast 9am AA 8pm HAPPY | 29                         | 30  |  |  |  |

The Christmas season will soon be upon us, and of course, that means it's time to start thinking of ordering the poinsettias that will beautify Buckingham's Sanctuary. This year, we will turn to Jeff's Greenhouses for our poinsettias. They are offering red, gold, or green foil. They will be in a 6 inch pot. The cost will be \$5.25 per pot.

Please complete the order form below and return it along with your check. You can either place the order & check in the offering plate, or mail to Buckingham Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 248 Berlin, MD 21811, or simply leave on the desk in the secretary's office. Make your check out to Buckingham Presbyterian Church and be sure to designate on the check that it's for your Christmas flower order. All orders must be in by Sunday, December 15th, 2019.

| \$5.25 each \$  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### **BUCKINGHAM GRAM**

#### **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.