



## Buckingham Presbyterian

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### Pastor Notes for November 2021: Gratitude for the Whole Lot of You!

November of course is the month in which we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. With it comes a celebration of our history as a country as well as expressions of thanks for our friends, families and whomever we may gather to gobble up some turkey. It's also a time to remember those saints who are no longer with us but whose memories live on and for them we are forever grateful. And it's a time to be thankful for all we have, to remember those who have less and our responsibility of being generous to them. November is a time for giving thanks for love shared - and for sharing love.



Let me also suggest that November is a great time of year for lifting thanks and praise to God for the family of the church. For our being called together by God to love, to worship and to serve as we are sent out into the world to be the hands and feet of God's son, our Lord Jesus.

Buckingham Presbyterian has a long history as a church family. A long history of reaching out to the community with the outstretched arms of Jesus. A long history for which there is much to give our thanks. This November - be sure to thank God for all the opportunities we're given to do so - opportunities that include:

- weekly worship services both in-person and online
- Christian education to children, youth and families and in-depth Bible studies
- feeding ministries that reach out to shut-ins and homeless communities
- our backpack program, giving box, community garden
- and so many other opportunities.

While lifting thanks to God, extend a hand of gratitude (okay, make that an elbow of gratitude!) to all who work so hard to assure our church remains active and alive. Send a text, an email or a card to our Session members, our Deacons, our Trustees and to our committees thanking them for saying "yes" to God and committing their time, talent and treasures to our church. Say thanks to Greg and Pam for their excellent work in the office and behind the organ and piano grand. Reach out to Todd and thank him for his years of service with us.

Let's really make November 2021 a month of intentional thanks-giving - to each other - and mostly to God for bringing us and holding us together as a family of faith. To God be the Glory! To God we give all our thanks and praise. Amen!

And please know how very grateful I am to be your pastor in this time in beautiful Berlin! From all the Piedmontes to all of you - a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!



Pastor Mark



This month the Town of Berlin's activities created an opportunity for the Deacons to raise some funds. Between the Fiddler's Convention and Oktoberfest

we were able to raise \$2,021.50. When you add in the \$846.00 from 2 spring events we made \$2,867.50. Wow! Many thanks to former Deacons **Bob Arthur, Lynda & Tom Truitt** and **Pat Rouch**, we couldn't have done it without you. Our Peach Pie sales this year were \$2,513.15.

The Deacon's provided 200 hamburgers and hot dogs and all that goes with them to the "We Heart Berlin" celebration on Sunday, October 17th. Chief extraordinaire **Jerry Woroniecki** and helper **Macy Woroniecki** worked the grill. **Carol Neal, Pat Rouch, Lindsay Ashton, Wendy Macrides, Trent, Thea & Sophia Macrides, Ashley Bergey** all worked the event. A huge thanks to **Jeremy Ashton** for transporting the grill to the park & then back to church. The celebration was to acknowledge the fund raising and community involvement in getting the basketball courts updated and painted at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street. Six Berlin churches donated various food/water/paper products/dessert/snacks. It was truly a "Community" event. Stop by and see them when you are in the neighborhood and shoot a few hoops if you're in the mood. The community participation was outstanding. Throughout the day attendance was estimated to be 1,500.00.

The Samaritan Shelter is open and back in business. Thank you **Charlie Herpen (and Barbara)** for providing dinner and delivering the supplies they requested. Currently there are 6 persons at the Shelter.

We've had our first training session with **Pastor Mark**. Discovering the many places in the bible the "diakonos" is mentioned is quite enlightening and very humbling. Please join us; there is so much to learn. Our next planned meeting is November 3rd at 1:30.

Blessings, Carol Neal

## All Saints Day Litany

*Here's a litany for All Saints Day written by Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution website.*

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

**Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

**Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon: **Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

...We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.** We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

Amen.





## *A Note from Historian Lynne Murray*

### BERLIN.

Mrs. Joseph Boston met with a bad accident the other day, when the lid flew off a pot of boiling coffee and the steam burned her face terribly.

We have been having some very cold weather and on Wednesday the thermometer dropped nearly down to zero.

Providence permitting the communion of the Lord's supper will be administered in the **Buckingham Presbyterian** church to-morrow morning, and at the Mission chapel at Libertytown in the afternoon. The Young People's meeting in the evening to be led by Miss Minnie Hammond.

The *Democratic Messenger* of 11 February 1899 mentions an injury to Mrs. Joseph Boston and comments on the extremely cold weather; not surprising in February!

The paper was distributed on Saturday and advises the Lord's Supper will be administered at Buckingham the next morning. At that time, the pastor at BPC also served the "yoked" congregation of Faith Chapel Presbyterian Church at Libertytown. Communion was to be served at Faith Chapel in the afternoon. The Young People's Meeting would be held in the evening under the direction of Miss Minnie Hammond.

Faith Chapel continued as a "yoked" congregation with BPC until recent times, through Rev. Gary Baer's service.

### BERLIN.

Mrs. Sidney Bowen received news last Thursday morning of the death of her mother Mrs. M. Conquest at Temperanceville, Va. Mrs. Bowen started on the next train for Temperanceville to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Alfred Howard and her two sons of Annapolis, are in Berlin this week visiting her friends.

Miss May Morris of Wango, is the welcome guest of her aunts, Miss Nancy Davis and Miss Lizzie Tilghman.

Providence permitting the communion of the Lord's supper will be administered in the **Buckingham Presbyterian** church to-morrow morning and at the Mission Chapel at Libertytown in the afternoon. Y. P. M. in the evening at quarter to seven, will be consecration meeting. Leader, Rev. Arthur Dougall.

On 29 July 1899 the *Democratic Messenger* tells us that Mrs. Sidney Bowen took the train from Berlin to Temperanceville, Virginia. Interesting to learn that a passenger train connected these two communities. The Berlin train station existed until the late 20th century, although the tracks behind it's location are still being used. The train station was located behind the stone building that formerly housed the Berlin library.

Again, the *Messenger* reports that "providence permitting," the Lord's Supper would be administered at Buckingham in the morning and at Faith Chapel (then known as Mission Chapel) in the afternoon. The Young People's Meeting (Y.P.M.) would be held at quarter to seven in the evening and would be a consecration meeting. The Leader on that occasion would be Rev. Arthur Dougall, who served BPC from 1895 to 1900.

Mr. Taylor Venable of Mardella Springs got hurt on the coal car at Berlin last Wednesday. He was taken to the Majestic Hotel. We hear that he was not seriously hurt and hope he will soon be able to be out.

Mrs. Lemuel Ennis and daughter, Mrs. James Higgins, of Wilmington, is visiting Mr. Riley Ennis.

Providence permitting the annual picnic of the **Buckingham Presbyterian** Sunday school will be held next Tuesday, Aug. 23d. If it rains that day it will be held the second day after (Thursday 24th) at William's Grove. The congregation of the church are all invited to attend.

The 19 August 1899 *Democratic Messenger* reported an accident on the coal car of the train. Apparently this was not considered a serious injury.

The annual Buckingham Presbyterian Sunday School picnic was scheduled for August 23 at William's Grove. This location would be in the South Point area of Sinepuxent Bay, before the turn-off to Assateague State Park.

Tragically, Rev. Earl Kline, who served Buckingham from 1945 to 1947, drowned at a Sunday School picnic. I have no details on the circumstances and I believe the location was changed to Public Landing near Snow Hill.

**November Mission—Angel & Hearts Tree**



- 11/2— Sloane Cook
- 11/10— Deacon Cook
- 11/11— ALEXIS Black  
CAMERON Tull
- 11/14— Claire Parker
- 11/15— RICHARD Jones
- 11/16— Todd Gibboney  
Gil Simpson
- 11/21— Penelope David
- 11/25— JAMES Mallory
- 11/19— Jennifer Cropper

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No November Anniversaries



Sunday, November 14th  
Sunday, December 12th

**2022 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES**  
Due Nov. 7, 2021 - Stewardship season is upon us and pledge cards have been mailed. We are asking that pledges be placed in the offertory or returned to the church by Nov. 7. Last year, our financial pledges were up significantly, nearly doubling from recent years. Wow! What generosity! Can we commit to an even greater outpouring of financial support in 2022 to assure our church's financial security? Can we commit ourselves to a 10% increase in our annual giving! We can do it, Buckingham!

**"RECOMMITMENT SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 12, 2021 - 10:00 AM**  
As a special way to say thanks to God for the JOY of being a church, all are invited to a special RECOMMITMENT SUNDAY service on December 12 at 10 AM. On that day we will gather in a blended worship service to give glory to God while together we JOYFULLY proclaim: "Yes! We recommit to active membership in the life and mission of Buckingham Presbyterian Church and to ALL that God has in store for us and for our future!" Look for a special invitation in the mail soon.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
of the congregation  
**The 2021 Congregational Meeting** will also be held Dec 12 after the Recommitment Sunday service. We will be electing church leaders that day - that means that leaders are needed to help us move a vision forward. The Nominating Committee will soon be making calls - pray and discern: what might you bring to the table? What a better way to say "thanks!" than being a leader.

**"Coffee and Conversations" with Pastor Mark.**  
Let's talk about our church - all that we're grateful for and share our vision for Buckingham in 2022. There are several dates and times to choose from. . Choose one that works and I will look forward to seeing you: (I am also happy to make house calls. Let me know if you'd like me to come for a visit. Call the office or my cell: 610-428-3135)

- Thursday Nov 11 at 5 PM (Decaf night! Stay for Bible study at 6:00?)
- Friday Nov 12 at 9 AM
- Sunday Nov 14 at 10:15 AM
- Thursday Nov 18 at 5 PM (Decaf night! Stay for Bible study at 6:00?)
- Friday Nov 19 at 9 AM
- Sunday, Nov 21 at 12:15 PM



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  S & C 6:30pm	2 Session 6pm HS 6pm	3 Pastor Hrs. 10am-3pm  Deacons 1:30pm	4 Bible Study 6pm	5 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon	6
7 Stewardship Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends	8 S & C 6:30pm	9 Men's Break- fast @ Rayne's Reef 8:30am  HS 6pm Trustees 6:30pm	10 Pastor Hrs. 10am-3pm	11 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30pm  	12 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon	13
14 Communion Sunday 25th Sunday after Pente- cost	15 S & C 6:30pm	16 HS 6pm	17 Pastor Hrs. 10am-3pm	18 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30pm	19 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon  Messy Church Thanksgiving 6-8pm	20 November Dinner Pick-up or Delivery 4- 5pm—Chicken or Beef Chili & Cornbread
21  	22 S & C 6:30pm	23 HS 6pm	24 Pastor Hrs. 10am-3pm	25  	26 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon	27
28   FIRST SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	29 S & C 6:30pm	30 HS 6pm	November comes And November goes, With the last red berries And the first white snows. With night coming early, And dawn coming late, And ice in the bucket And frost by the gate. The fires burn And the kettles sing, And earth sinks to rest Until next spring. ~ Elizabeth Coatsworth			

**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.*