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### PASTOR NOTES: FEED THE CHILDREN WELL

*"Jesus said: 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'" - Mark: 10:14*

One of the things that drew me to Buckingham from the get-go was our commitment to our children and youth. From Sunday children's messages to S'more Time with Jesus events to our outreach to tweens and teens, we are a church that takes seriously our call to help young people get to know Jesus and grow in their faith in Him.

In order to do so, though, we need all hands on deck! All church members with a heart for children and youth are encouraged to step up and get involved. Here's a run-down of the MANY opportunities we all have to help the children come to the Lord:

**Sunday AM "Sheep Pen" Children's Feeding Time** - Every Sunday we have fun feeding our little sheep while making a joyful noise with song and cereal! Messages based on the week's scripture readings are re-emphasized with fun games and crafts. **HELP NEEDED: Adults leaders to be on deck to help organize the craft and snack time at both services.**

**S'more Time with Jesus** - Our (almost) bi-weekly children and family fun nights on the front lawn. The schedule for planned activities through May can be found in the Gram and on the church's information tables - and there's more to come! S'more Time events are for everyone! **HELP NEEDED: Adult leaders to help set up/tear down events, crafts and snacks, ideas for events and folks to spread the word!**

**\*NEW\* - Older Elementary/Middle School Group** - Beginning Sundays in May, we will have special opportunities for our older children grades 3-6 - an important time in faith development. It is also our great hope that a middle-school group will come out of this group as they move up. **HELP NEEDED: Adult leaders to help with programs, ideas for events, transportation/chaperones for trips and more.**

**TEEN YOUTH GROUP** - We have an enthusiastic group of teens who are meeting regularly Wednesday nights for food, fellowship, and learning to lean on Jesus and each other. Plans for special trips are underway, including Shad Landing. **HELP NEEDED: Adult leaders to act as mentors, help with ideas for events, transportation/chaperones for trips, food and beverages and more.**

If you are interested in any of these opportunities to help our youth of all ages to grow in faith - please let me, Lindsay Ashton, Jerry Woroniecki, Emily David or any member of the Christian Education committee know.

It takes a village to feed the children well. So let's go, Buckingham - let's go and help our sheep grow into faithful servants of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ! Pastor Mark





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What a wonderful time has been had at all the S'more Time with Jesus events! **March**, we celebrated Holy week with a Messy Church scavenger hunt. Children found all the items on their list then listened to the story leading up to Easter of Jesus' life. All had a wonderful time at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you to everyone who donated candy & helped fill and hide the eggs.

**April**, we held a cake walk and collected donations for the Cricket Center and had a yoga night. Everyone had a wonderful time and left very sugared up!

S'more Time on **May 7<sup>th</sup>** will be combined with the packing party of care packages for our Delmarva troops. Kids will have the opportunity to color pictures and write letters for the troops as well as make a Mother's Day craft. **May 21<sup>st</sup>** we will have a Blessing of the Pets. All are welcome to bring their pets as well as dog food and toys for the US Kennels, check the mission article for more information on US Kennels.

As Pastor Mark shared in his article there are many new great opportunities for our youth and those interested in helping our youth grow spiritually. The High school youth group meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 weekly. The 1<sup>st</sup> of hopefully many trips is planned to Shad Landing on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Come join the C.H.A.O.S. (Christians Hanging Around On Sundays) on Sunday afternoons beginning the end of May for youth entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Plans are being made for family outings once a month and fun afternoons at the church, kids can be dropped off, once a month. The 1<sup>st</sup> family outing will be to the Shorebirds Faith and Family night. Of course by FAMILY this means the entire CHUCH FAMILY is welcome to join in on the fun!!! You don't have to have kids to be family. OHANA!!! "Ohana means family and no one gets left behind" so all please join!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Ocean City Elementary Backpack Program! Due to the overwhelming support from both church members and the community we were able to provide 17 families with an Easter Dinner. The dinner consisted of Ham, Mac and cheese, green beans, corn, dinner rolls, milk, eggs and bread. Thank you to all those who helped deliver all the meals. We truly could not help all these kids and families without all of you! Currently we are feeding 33 children every weekend! You all ROCK







WOW!!! The donations of items for our troops has been overwhelming!!! We have had donations from both the community and many of you in our church.

THANK YOU! Please join us on May 7<sup>th</sup> to help get all these donations packed up for our troops. Enjoy music from Stevenson's Crossroads, burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Of course, we can't forget what a great time of fellowship this will be for all!

During the Month of May we will collect items for US Kennels. US Kennels is located in Salisbury. Their goal is to provide free services, including fully training service dogs, to help Veterans deal with their particular issues. The dogs are from Shelters from around the shore. Dog treats, toys, and food will be collected throughout the month to be donated to this awesome group!



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

### COME AND JOIN US!!

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1-3 pm at Buckingham Church. Anyone interested in joining our fellowship will be welcomed. Even if you do not crochet or knit, we would love to have you join and we are willing to teach anyone that wants to learn. It is a great time to appreciate and count our many Blessing as we create incredibly special one-of-a-kind Prayer Shawls or Lap Blankets for someone who is in need of Love, Comfort, Compassion, and a reminder of how much GOD LOVES THEM!! If you need any more information, please contact Cindy Scukanec at 410-726-7713.



5/1 JAMES & SUE Mallory  
LARRY & TAMMY Nickell  
5/6 RICHARD & PEGGY Jones  
5/7 DAVID & CINDI Pruitt  
5/29 Hershel & CAROL Rose

### OPERATION WE CARE PACKING PARTY for ACTIVE DELMARVA TROOPS



In Partnership with Bikers Without Borders!

Friday, May 7, 2021 6:00-8:00pm.  
Rain (in Taylor Hall) or Shine (outside in the Parking Lot)

We are excited to extend our support for Operation We Care!

We will continue collecting supplies until May 7 when we hope to fill at least 50 care packages to send to our active Delmarva troops!. Here is how it will work: Between now and May 7, we will continue collecting the needed supplies (shopping lists are available at church). Then on May 7th - together with our friends from Bikers without Borders - we will host a packing party to assemble boxes for our troops. We are aiming for at least 50 boxes! This will be an all-church effort, with lots of help needed to donate, collect, pack and decorate boxes. We hope this will be the first of many efforts with Bikers Without Borders, a terrific group of men and women who "believe that giving back to our community is our civic duty. We are motorcycle riders and non-riders that believe we can make a difference through various charitable opportunities."



~ April Mission Donations to the CRICKET CENTER and Collection of OPERATION WE CARE Supplies ~



5/6 BRADLEY Black  
5/12 DEBI Cook  
5/14 Gregory Fraser  
CHARLES Townsend  
5/24 MATTHEW Trask  
5/25 CHERYL Holland  
CEDIL Tull  
5/28 CAROL Rose  
5/31 JACOB Gaddis

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE— MAY DINNER

**SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021  
DRIVE UP OR DELIVERY 4:00 - 5:30**

**HONEY GARLIC BAKED CHICKEN,  
MACARONI & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS and  
DESSERT**



Please place your orders before Thursday, May 20 using the sign-up sheets at Church or

by calling or texting Cindi Pruitt (443-880-5502). Indicate how many dinners you need as well as whether you will pick-up your dinners or would like them to be delivered.

This is an outreach to our church and community. If you know of anyone who is suffering emotionally, physically, or financially, please order an extra dinner or two and share with them!

# A Prayer for Memorial Day



**Your Deacons in  
Action...**

We were very pleased with the \$400 we made parking cars for the Spring Celebration. Our funds are growing, as is the fear that once folks will have to pay for their electricity and housing, the requests for assistance will be overwhelming. We plan on parking cars once again for the Jazz and Blues Festival May 8th.

Buckingham Church is once again supporting the Bus Stop Snack Shop now that the kids are back in school. The \$125 donation will purchase snacks, fruit, personal hygiene items and books to give out at a designated bus stop in Worcester County each month. This program is provided through Worcester Youth and Family Services and is offered to students in low income areas.

The Deacons continue to support the Congregational Life efforts to provide a hot meal once a month to our members, our shut ins and those in the community who would enjoy a (delicious) home cooked supper.

Special thanks to **Gloria** and **Evelyn** for preparing and delivering supper to the Samaritan Shelter along with bread, milk, fresh fruits and vegetables purchased by the Deacons. We continue to bring Sunday supper to our senior member. Thanks to **Charlie** and **Barbara** for your cooking, visiting and sharing last week.

Stay tuned for some exciting programs that were discussed with the staff at Worcester Youth. We're hoping to join with them in some of their outreach programs. We did invite them to join the S'mores with Jesus on the second and fourth Fridays.

Eternal God,  
from whom all life comes, to whom all life returns, we remember all who served our country in the military. We remember and we give thanks. We give thanks for sacrifices made and losses endured. We give thanks for acts of courage, grace and hope. We give thanks for our brothers and sisters who gave the full measure of devotion. We give thanks for those we knew well and those we never met. For the life, goodness, faith, courage, and love that was in each one, we give thanks. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are recovering from wounds in body, mind, spirit, or soul. Work healing in them in all the forms that healing takes. We pray for those who provide care to them. Show us ways that we can extend care and support. We pray for families and friends and all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Meet them in the valley of death's shadow. Embrace them in the healing warmth of your comfort, grace and love. Grant them and all of us the assurance that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. May the day soon come when swords are beaten into plowshares, war is studied no more, and all peoples and your world will know peace. May we work for that day. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.  
(Attributed to Mark Koenig)



## *A Note from Historian Lynne Murray*



"Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ernest Onley request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary Ruth to Sergeant Wilson Davis Warren April 28 nineteen hundred and forty-five at half after two o'clock Buckingham Presbyterian Church Berlin, Maryland." The wedding had been delayed for two and a half years. In 1943, Mary Ruth Onley and her mother made the bride's gown and the maid of honor's gown. Wilson had come home on leave to get married, but because of a series of military foul-ups, he had to go back before the wedding could take place. He was in France when the brass asked him if he wanted leave in Paris or did he want to go home. Guess which he chose! Wilson and Mary Ruth are still happily married with three children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The members of the wedding party from left to right are Paul Scott, Casber Hickman, Evelyn Hudson Bunting, Mary Ruth, Wilson, and John Ayres. The star-studded banner in the back of the chancel recognizes the men and women from Buckingham Church who served in the war. A gold star indicates that one of the members, Louis Jones, gave his life for his country. (Warren Collection.)

Wilson and Mary Ruth [Onley] Warren were active church members until their passing some years ago. They are the parents of our Evelyn Warren and her siblings Dot and Richard. In their lovely wedding photo our pulpit chairs and hymnal board are easily identified. The Warrens had close ties to my family as Evelyn's parents lived down the street and Wilson worked for my father. Mrs. Onley was a gifted seamstress and made many garments for myself, mother Dorothy, and sister Susan.

Wilson was a very special person to me. He worked for my father, Jesse Taylor, in his Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, GMC dealership [before Gil Barrett's ownership] and was in charge of the Parts Department. My mother often said that Wilson was the *best* parts man; he knew what he had, where it was, and if he didn't have it he knew where to find it. Wilson worked for my father when he was released from the service, and I'm told that he used to baby-sit for me! Wilson called me "Linder Bear," all his life and I still miss him today.

*Happy Trails, Lynne*



## PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION



Let us all be in prayer as we move forward from the memory of George Floyd's death and this case that rocked the nation. We do so knowing that there is still a long way to go in the struggle for justice and equality for all. I believe that Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) put it best in saying: *It is our prayer that this is the beginning of change — not just a one-off case, but a true change in the very fabric of society. May God reach into the hearts of every individual in this country and tear away everything that smacks of racism, bigotry and privilege. May God replace it with the warm embrace of compassion, justice, mercy and love.*

Indeed, let there be peace and justice and good will toward every person on earth - and let it begin with each one of us.

Let us pray every day for every man and woman who gets up each day and puts on a police uniform with the intention to protect and serve us. May they be kept safe, may they be calm in mind and spirit, and may they be led by the Holy Spirit in all they think, say and do in the line of duty.

Let us pray, too, for the seemingly weekly acts of violence in the news. Evil acts which take place at work, on city streets, on country roads and in people's homes. May the spirit of Christ's love have the final say, defeating all evil and keeping all hate-filled violence at bay. And where true mental illness is an underlying cause, may the stigma that too often gets in the way of people seeking treatment give way to Christ-like compassion, understanding and love. Amen. Pastor Mark



## MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 31, 2021





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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

*"Spring - an experience in immortality."*  
- Henry D. Thoreau



2 9am Contemporary 11am Traditional	3 Sharing & Caring 6:30pm	4 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm <b>Session Mtg. 6pm</b>	5 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm HS Youth 5:30- 6:30	6 Bible Study 6-7:30	7 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon <b>Operation We Care Packing Party 6-8pm</b>	8
9 9am Contemporary 11am Traditional <i>Mother's Day</i>	10 Sharing & Caring 6:30pm	11 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm	12 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm HS Youth 5:30- 6:30	13 <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> Bible Study 6-7:30	14 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon	15
16 9am Contemporary 11am Traditional	17 Sharing & Caring 6:30pm	18 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm	19 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm HS Youth 5:30- 6:30	20 Bible Study 6-7:30	21 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon <b>S'More Jesus: Blessing of Pets</b>	22 <b>May Dinner 4-5:30pm Pick-up or Delivery</b>
23 9am Contemporary 11am Traditional <b>Day of Pentecost—</b> Pentecost Offering	24 Sharing & Caring 6:30pm	25 Pastor Hrs. 3-5pm	26 Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm HS Youth 5:30- 6:30	27 Bible Study 6-7:30	28 Pastor Hrs. 10am-Noon	29

30 9am  
Contemporary  
11am  
Traditional  
**Trinity  
Sunday**



*"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it." ~ John Thune*

## 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.*