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## The Buckingham Gram



### PASTOR NOTES FOR MAY 2022 – GETTING IN ON THE ACTS-TION

We celebrated a beautiful Holy Week and Easter here at Buckingham, did we not? I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a special and holy time of bringing the community together to celebrate and help us focus on the season’s true reason: The love of God as shown through the willing death and miraculous Resurrection of Jesus. What a powerful time is Easter for the Christian faith!

Now though, with all the decorations put away, all the empty baskets put back in storage, and perhaps the only remaining remnants of Easter being some stray plastic grass still stuck in the vacuum cleaner – might we wonder: *Okay, what now?* For many, the answer may be: *Christmas!* (Is that what you thought when you read this? Go ahead, admit it!) Even regular churchgoers tend to think in terms of the “BIG” seasons of church year. However, there is so much more to enjoy and explore in our faith in-between the major Church seasons.

This in-between time is what is known as “ordinary time” – but let me propose that it’s anything but ordinary. Think of it instead as a time in which the Spirit may lead you on extraordinary paths and call you to act on your faith in extraordinary ways.

To help us get in on the action, we will take a journey through the Book of Acts. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we will begin in Acts 1 with its telling of Jesus’s Ascension. We will then go chapter to chapter, week to week all the way until Advent. We will be taking a look through this astonishing book, gaining inspiration from Peter and the Apostles, from Paul and many others as they all – filled with the Holy Spirit- acted in faith and led others to know the risen Lord. Let’s learn from them how to fulfil *our* calling through acts of hospitality & healing, generosity & forgiving, evangelism & calling others into the community of the Church.

To help us gain further insight, Acts will also be our focus for Thursday night Spiritual Life studies. All are invited to join together in growing deeper in understanding of this amazing and important book of the Bible.

I look forward to this extraordinary time of getting in on the ACTS-tion with all of you.

Peace,  
Pastor Mark

### Special Thanks for Musical Talents and an INVITATION TO ALL TO SHARE YOURS!



Many thanks to Greg for his beautiful musical leadership and to Bob, Chris and Pat for sharing their voices in our 11AM choir. Thanks, too, to Steve Frene for singing, guitar playing and writing original music for the 9AM service. We want YOU to share YOUR talents with us! Contact Mark or Greg anytime. No training required for singing in the choir. Just jump on in and sing like a rock star!

## CHRISTIAN ED



Christian Education held a successful Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 16th. We raised over \$500 to send our youth to camps and retreats this summer. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this a successful event.



What a great turnout we had for our Easter services and egg hunt! We had 18 children who hunted for eggs around the church grounds. Thank you everyone who donated candy and/or prizes and thank you Debi Cook for stuffing all of the eggs.



Christian Education will be taking a trip to the Delmarva Shorebirds game on Sunday, May 22nd at 2:05pm. Kids will be able to run the bases after the game. Please RSVP to Victoria or Lindsay if you would like to attend, all are welcome!

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JULY 25-29**



Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-29 at Buckingham, the theme is Food Truck Party. We are looking for volunteers to help create decorations and decorate Taylor Hall, lead music, games, arts/crafts and snacks. If interested in volunteering please see Victoria or Lindsay.

## MISSIONS

Since Palm Sunday, we have been taking the One Great Hour of Sharing collection in support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance efforts to provide relief to the millions of refugees fleeing Ukraine. Every dollar we raise will be matched by the Mission Ministry & Deacons. Special OGHs envelopes may be found in bulletins or on the tables around the worship spaces.

Thank you to everyone who walked and supported the CRICKET Center on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>! This month we will be setting a date to clean up and plant our community garden.

Coming up in June, we will be partnering with Christian Ed and working with Worcester Youth and Family to help knit blue hats for "Hats Against Hate." The hats will be distributed to the Middle Schools in the county to promote anti-bullying in October.



**SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>—4-5pm**  
**BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Watermelon Salad, Roll & Dessert**

Warm weather is coming so we're serving a summertime favorite! Order dinners for yourself, family, friends, neighbors and anyone else you think may enjoy a good meal. This is a community outreach for our church so if you know of anyone who would benefit, please include them in your order or let us know how to get in touch with them.

Order by using the sign-up sheets at church or by calling or texting Cindi, 443-880-5502.



*Baby Bottle*  
**CAMPAIGN**  
*Mother's Day - Father's Day*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Special Dates that we know about will be posted monthly. Please make sure to let the office know about your special day so that we can celebrate with you!

5/06—Bradley Black  
5/12 - Debi Cook  
5/14—Gregory Fraser  
5/25—Cheryl Holland

5/25— Cecil Tull  
5/28—Carol Rose  
5/31—Jacob Gaddis

**GRACE CENTER—Fundraiser.** Beginning Mother's Day and continuing through Father's Day, we will have baby bottles available for your family to take home and fill with change to be donated to support the Grace Center.

**Happy Anniversary**

5/01—James & Sue Mallory  
5/01—Larry & Tammy Nickell  
5/06—Richard & Peggy Jones  
5/07— David & Cindi Pruitt  
5/29—Hershel & Carol Rose





### A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, we pray for all MOTHERS.

They fill the earth with beauty and wonder.

We ask that you bless all MOTHERS today. May they feel the joys of motherhood in the midst of their every day tasks. In all their struggles, may your LOVE and COMPASSION be with them. Give them WISDOM and PEACE. Through all pain and sorrow, Lord deliver them. In Your STRENGTH and GRACE may they always stay.

We give you THANKS for our MOTHERS and those who have been like mothers to each of us.



### Sunday, May 29th 1:00-3:00pm

After church on Sunday, May 29th come get your car washed! Buckingham Presbyterian Church in partnership with Temple Bat Yam will be holding a Car Wash Fundraiser for Worcester Goes Purple. Donations will be accepted - Snacks and Waters will also be sold. We will also be taking donations of non-perishable foods and clean clothing and socks to be disseminated at the mobile showers throughout the year. If you would like to help with the car wash please contact Lindsay Ashton.

FRIENDSHIP TIME—Sundays 10:15-10:45  
All are invited to enjoy food and fellowship in between services.

### Memorial Day Prayer

GRACIOUS GOD, ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY, WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO COURAGEOUSLY LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. MAY THE EXAMPLES OF THEIR SACRIFICE INSPIRE IN US THE SELFLESS LOVE OF YOUR SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. BLESS THE FAMILIES OF OUR FALLEN TROOPS, AND FILL THEIR HOMES AND THEIR LIVES WITH YOUR STRENGTH AND PEACE. IN UNION WITH PEOPLE OF GOODWILL OF EVERY NATION, EMBOLDEN US TO ANSWER THE CALL TO WORK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND THUS, SEEK AN END TO VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT AROUND THE GLOBE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH YOUR NAME.



Friends let us continue to pray for the crises in Ukraine to be resolved, the war to end and peace to be restored and upheld.

Let us pray for the people – young and old – whose lives have been upended and forever changed by this senseless and selfish act of terror. Let us pray for all world leaders – our allies – and Russia’s – to seek to be peacemakers so all may know the blessings of God’s kingdom. Let us pray for peace, justice, mercy, and for all to live in the better way of God’s love.

### NEW—Getting in the ACTS-tion! - THURSDAY SPIRITUAL FORMATION GATHERINGS.

Beginning May 5th we will be looking at **The Walk—Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life**—Join us for this 5 week study as we learn together to Walk the Walk and not just Talk the Talk of our faith.

Beginning June 9th we will begin our focus on the book of Acts during our Thursday night Spiritual Life Studies. All are invited to join together in growing deeper in understanding of this amazing and important book of the Bible.



### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Session:** First Tuesday of every month 6:00pm (next meetings May 3rd & June 7th)

**Deacons:** Last Tuesday of every month 6:30pm (next meeting May 31st)

**Trustees:** Last Wednesday, every other month 6:30pm (next meeting June 29th)



## *In Memory of our Faithful Historian—Lynne Murray*

February 5, 1941 - March 26, 2022

Alma Lynne Taylor Murray, 81, passed away on March 26, 2022, at Atlantic General Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Jesse Jarvis Taylor and Dorothy Hudson Taylor of Berlin.

Murray was a life member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, having served as Maryland State Registrar from 2003 to 2006. Other state offices she held were Maryland Advisor to Eastern DAR Schools and Chairman of the Maryland Luncheon at Continental Congress in D. C. She was a member of the hereditary Maryland organization of the national DAR Cameo Society along with her mother and daughter. Murray was Vice Chairman of the Maryland Room Restoration project at national DAR headquarters at 1776 D Street in Washington and a member of the national and state speakers' staffs. She was a national Eastern Division Program winner for her original composition, "An Eastern Shore Patriot's Christmas." She served as Regent of the General Levin Winder Chapter in Worcester County from 2001 to 2003 and held other chapter offices and committees. As a representative of the General Levin Winder Chapter, for many years she presented the DAR Good Citizens Award at Worcester Preparatory School graduations, stressing the DAR goals of patriotism, education, and historic preservation. She was also a member of the DAR Nanticoke Chapter and served as treasurer. She was a member of the Delaware State Society Daughters of the American Colonists, having served as Delaware State Regent from 2019 to 2022.

Murray was a founding member of the Board of Trustees of Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, serving on that board for over 40 years before asking to be placed on the Honorary Board. She served on several Board committees, including technology, and was active during the school's largest building expansions. She participated in spring musicals, assembling hunt attire for the cast of "Mame," and designing an original coat for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." Murray was an amateur architect, having designed her home and horse barn. She served for several years on the Wicomico Hunt Club Board as a representative of the social membership.

She attended the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary, now known as VCU, and Salisbury University. Murray owned the Empress Motel in Ocean City, built by her mother, and sold to her sister in 1998. **She was a life-long member of Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin and served as a Trustee and a Church Historian.** Murray was a member of the Calvin B. Taylor Museum, Ocean City Lifesaving Museum, and Worcester County Historical Society.

Her immediate surviving family includes daughter Teresa Lynne Murray of Bishopville, MD, sister Susan Taylor Cropper and husband Hugh Cropper III of Berlin, nephew Hugh Cropper IV and wife Jennifer of Ocean City, twin great-niece and nephew Myra Cropper and Hugh Thomas Cropper of Berlin, and niece Dorothy Amanda Cropper of Baltimore. Her husband Elisha Warren Murray died in March 2012.

### *A Word from Hugh Cropper*

On behalf of Teresa and the family, I want to express our gratitude for all of the condolences and kind words about my Aunt Lynne Murray. She lived an active and diverse life, whether serving her various offices in the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving on the Board of Trustees at the Worcester Preparatory School, traveling with friends and family, operating the family motel, or caring for her pets (she even raised a horse in her kitchen, which she fed with a bottle).

She was more than just a member of the Buckingham Presbyterian Church her entire life, she loved the church, and she loved being part of the church family. She was married in our church sanctuary over 60 years ago, and Lynne's mother, Dorothy Taylor, was also a member of the church virtually her entire life. Lynne's mother was known for teaching Sunday School classes at the church, for many, many years.

Lynne was always outgoing, loved hearing (and telling) stories, and would have been delighted with all of the support.

*Buckingham Presbyterian Church is grateful to have been blessed by the life and service of Lynne Murray.*

*Our prayers are continually with all those who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.*



# May 2022



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

1 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional Celebration of the Lord Supper (both services)	2 Share & Care 6:30pm	3 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm Session 6pm	4 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	5 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30	6 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm	7
8 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional  <b>Mother's Day</b>	9 Share & Care 6:30pm	10 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Rayne's Reef  Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm	11 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	12 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30	13 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm	14 Community Dinner 4-5pm
15 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional	16 Share & Care 6:30pm	17 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm	18 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	19 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30	20 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm	21
22 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional 2:05pm— Shorebirds Game	23 Share & Care 6:30pm	24 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm	25 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	26 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30	27 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm	28
29 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional 1-3pm—Car Wash	30 Share & Care 6:30pm  <b>Memorial Day</b>	31 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm  Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm				

## **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.*