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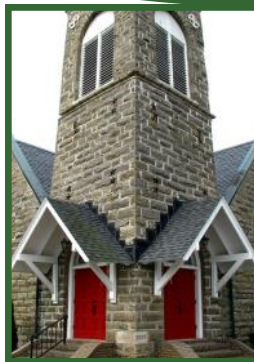
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The Buckingham Gram



I don't know about you – but sometimes I need to remind myself to breathe. To just stop and clear my mind and take a deep breath – once, twice, even three times. Breathing slowly in through my nose, and then deeply out through my mouth. Just breathe, I tell myself. Just breathe.

It's good practice – to just stop and catch our breath – don't you agree?



A focus on breath is good for the body – and for the spirit - especially when you just need to remember that God is close to you. This is true, not just when we're in a good place, but even in the saddest of places, the places we'd rather not be. It is here we can, and perhaps should take our breath most seriously.

The Hebrew word used in the Old Testament for breath is "**Ruach**," pronounced: ROO-AHCK. Try this: say *Ruach* – breathing in on the ROO, and out on the AHCK. The word sounds like – and feels like taking a breath – yes? *Ruach* also means Spirit. It was God's *Ruach* that brought Adam to life and put life into the dry bones witnessed by the Prophet Ezekiel.

The Greek word used in the New Testament for spirit is "**Nooma**," pronounced NEW-MAH. Say it – breathing in on the NEW, and out on the MAH. The word sounds like – and feels like taking a breath – yes? *Nooma* also means breath. It was God's Holy *Nooma* that filled the Apostles on Pentecost and who they and Paul witnessed to as the source of their – and our - new life in Jesus Christ.

These two words then form a bridge from the Old Testament to the New Testament – and help us understand that **the breath of God that gave us life in the beginning is the same Spirit of God that saved us and sustains us in the New.** We remember this – perhaps more easily – when life is good. We're called to remember this too – when life gets tough.

We are in a tough, heavy time in our world right now. There is much that just takes our breath away – from national and global strife to tensions we face right at home. There's an election coming up that is already threatening to divide us further - God help us! Wars rage between nations while wildfires and floods wreak havoc. It's a tough and heavy time.

Through it all and every day, we must remember and trust that God is with us. We must let go and let God lead us – trusting In God's life-giving breath to lift our dry bones. Trusting in the movement of God's spirit to move us and sustain us – God's children, made new, by Jesus Christ.

Let me suggest a spiritual practice for you: Turn off the news. Silence your phone, your computer, anything that may distract you. Sit by a window with your eyes closed and just start to breathe – slowly, deeply. With each inhale, pray: "*Thank you God*"; with each exhale, pray: "*For your breath in me.*"

Try it and see if such a focus on breath helps draw you closer to our Creator.

Don't forget to breathe, good friends. And when you do, remember that God's breath, God's very spirit IS with you and in you, leading, guiding and sustaining you – and all of us – together as the Church born to serve Him with every breath we take.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Thank you for joining us for VBS 2022

Christian Education had an awesome week of Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School. We had 61 children who attended throughout the week learning to trust God for their daily bread! We concluded the week with a taco party with the families on Friday. Great fun was had by all and we are incredibly thankful to all of the volunteers from Buckingham, St. Paul's and Stevenson who made the week run smoothly.



Food Packing for Backpack Ministry



Beginning in October, the 1st Sunday of each month we will be gathering in Taylor Hall after the 9am service to pack the food bags for Ocean City Elementary kids for the month. All are invited to stay and participate.



Sept 02	Ronald Hall	Sept 20	Gloria Gubosh
Sept 07	Holly Bunting	Sept 21	Evan Cook
Sept. 10	Charles Herpen	Sept 21	Anne Hastings
Sept. 10	Glen Phillips	Sept 23	Mack Ashton
Sept. 10	Susan Todd	Sept 23	Wanda Stricker
Sept 13	Kaye Gubosh	Sept 23	Bailey Warren
Sept 17	Steve Davis	Sept 25	Arline Curtis
Sept 18	Jessica Bunting	Sept 26	Tracy Trask



Sept 06	Jerry & Michelle Woroniecki
Sept 07	Timothy & Emily Vocke
Sept 22	Jeremy & Victoria Harsh
Sept 27	Ethan & Anne Marie Cook
Sept 27	Paul & Debi Cook

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!



Deacon's Report Peach Pie Sales

Saturday, August 6th was a "picture perfect" day for the annual Peach Festival. This year Deacon's sold pies on the grounds of Calvin B. Taylor House Museum and the front lawn at our church. It was an extremely good day for the Deacons as we raised a net of \$3,141.50. Cecil Tull ordered an additional five cases of pies this year and we are planning to do a large order next year and retain both places for sales again.

Deacon Bob Arthur, coordinator of the event and the Deacons would like to thank the many many church members who worked that day. It was day of great fellowship, laughter, and great enjoyment.

A Special thank you to our members and church friends who purchased pie or made a contribution. This is the Deacon's largest fundraiser and all monies raised go right back in to the needs of the community.

COMMUNITY DINNER



Drive Up or Delivery
Saturday, Sept 17th

4:00 - 5:00 PM

servicing London broil,
roasted potatoes,
corn, roll & dessert.

Place your orders on or before
Thursday, Sept. 15 by calling or
texting Cindi at (443-880-5502).

Dinners can be picked up at the church or we will be happy to deliver to your home. Share this with your family, friends, neighbors and anyone else who would enjoy a "home" cooked meal!



Join us for Game Night
Friday, Sept 23rd at 6pm

Families are invited to bring their favorite games to play together. Pizza, snacks & drinks will be provided as well as a few games. We hope to see you there!





LABOR DAY PRAYER On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER (by JILL DUFFIELD and Pastor Mark)

Lord, you delight in creating beauty, in calling forth new and good things, in forming unexpected relationships of love, in teaching us your will and your ways.

As we look to a new school year, we thank you for educators and administrators, bus drivers and cafeteria workers, custodians and coaches, counselors and school board members. We thank you, too, for families who choose to homeschool their children. We recognize that it takes a multitude of gifts, a myriad of resources, prayerful discernment and a whole lot of energy, creativity, dedication and compassion to teach our children well. We ask your blessing upon all of those called to these positions. Grant them stamina and imagination, joy and patience.

We remember, too, those families for whom school offers particular stresses and challenges — children who learn differently, those with needs that may be obvious or unseen, parents struggling to buy school supplies, students who come to class hungry or afraid. Show us how to best support all families. Give us eyes to see those hurting and the will to advocate on their behalf.

Especially, Lord, we pray for students of every age. May they grow in wisdom and knowledge of not only their required subjects, but also in what it takes to be the best human beings they were created to be. May they do so without fear of violence, retaliation or intolerance. May your love permeate every classroom, cafeteria, kitchen, gymnasium, athletic field, stage and playground.

Remind us, Lord God, that we are one community of your beloved, responsible for one another, gifted with each other, all uplifted when everyone is tended and nurtured in your name. Amen.



A PRAYER IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11

God of grace and God of glory, today on the 21st anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, grant us the wisdom to remember the lessons from that dark day that make us more Christ-like. Drive away from us any vengeful urges, any hate-filled sentiment, any whisper from within or outward shouts that call us to return evil for evil. Help us to be children of the light. As we look back and recall where we were, who was with us and how we felt that fateful day, may those vivid memories compel us to acts of kindness, words of love and demonstrations of community. May the memories of first responders - firefighters, police officers, EMS responders, and all others who gave of themselves to help others - be the icons that inspire us to be helpers, too. As the world and our nations' streets still heave with violence and unrest among people that seems to never end, assure us, Prince of Peace, that ultimately crying and mourning will be no more. In the midst of suffering - our own and that of the world - speak again, Creator God, your Word of steadfast love, forgiveness and everlasting life. In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, we pray. Amen. (Prayer inspired by Jill Duffield, Editor, Presbyterian Outlook 2016 Photo by Jeffery Johnson)





THANK YOU to the Trustees and volunteers for the great job they have done cleaning out the storage room and old mail room. Make sure you stop by Taylor Hall to check out the many photos, articles and historical documents they have on display. Buckingham Presbyterian Church has been blessed with a rich and unique history and it has been fun to “go back in time” a bit. Please also check out the old mail room which is now home to many “library” books.

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY

BERLIN'S FIRST SCHOOL

Article written by Carol Parker Rose (in memory of Lynne Murray).

On June 21, 1757, land was purchased for a new, second church building for Buckingham Presbyterian. The church moved from the Buckingham Plantation to a lot on the Burley Plantation. A frame structure was erected. The Congregation decided that the new building should be in a location closer to the settlement that was growing around Burley Inn. It served the Congregation for 27 years then was torn down and a new brick building was erected on the same location. The Pastor at this time was Reverend Hugh Henry.

After the passing of Reverend Hugh Henry, Reverend Charles Tennent was installed as Buckingham Presbyterian Church's Pastor on May 3, 1763. Reverend Charles Tennent was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1711. Son of William Tennent, founder of the Log College. His father trained him for the ministry.

At this time there were no public schools in Worcester County. A family would need to employ a private teacher to education their children if they were able to afford the cost.

Reverend Tennent and his son William Mackay Tennent founded a school with William as the head master. This first school in Worcester County was the beginning of Buckingham Academy. The school was conducted in connection with Buckingham Church. Along with his ministry he also served the community teaching and laying the foundation for education in Berlin for years to come. The students (boys only) boarded with local families.

On July 15, 1823, the Reverend Thomas Kennedy was installed as Buckingham's new Pastor. It is likely he was one of the founders of Buckingham Academy as he wrote a set of rules and regulations to be used at the school. In this writing a statement is made regarding the construction of an Academy at a lot (now being used as a school) between the “Villages” of Berlin and Poplartown (now called Ironshire). This being the original school operated by Reverend Tennent and his son. There were 6 out of 8 Presbyterian members of the Academy Board of Directors.

The chapters that tell this story of the First School in Berlin is one of my favorites. How proud our Congregation can be as our Church pioneered education for our community. Buckingham, 259 years later, still works and supports our local schools, especially Buckingham Elementary School. Our Deacons and Mission Committee are faithful in helping with certain needs. A few things: purchase the Student of the Month Tee Shirts for the entire year; purchase snacks for the teachers to have for children who cannot afford to bring a snack to school; Back Pack program for 39 students at Ocean City Elementary School; provide funds for our Back Pack children to purchase 2 books at the Book Fair (there is a great Book Fair Fairy!!!); this year the Deacons are helping a family in great need with clothing for their children.


The facts in this article are from Old Buckingham By The Sea on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, by I. Marshall Page.



hello September



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional Celebration of Lord's Supper - both services	5  LABOR DAY	6 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm Session 6pm	7 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	8 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30	9 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm	10
11 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional Remembering 9/11	12 Share & Care 6:30pm	13  Men's Breakfast 8:30am Rayne's Reef Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm	14 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	15 Bible Study 6pm Choir 7:30	16 Pastor's Hrs. 10am-12pm	17 Community Dinner 4-5pm 
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25 9am Contemporary 10:15-10:45— Friendship Time 11am Traditional	26 Share & Care 6:30pm	27 Pastor's Hrs. 3-5pm Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm	28 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm Trustees Meeting 4:30pm	29 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	30 Pastor's Hrs. 1-3pm	



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.*