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**Mark your Calendar and Invite a Friend!:**  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is our "Blessing of the Backpacks"**  
**and Kick-off for School**

Friends,

Buckingham has been busy in ministry and planning this summer, and on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> we'll kickoff the school year with our annual combined service on the church lawn at 11AM that we call "Blessing of the Backpacks." Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served after (side dishes are requested). Also, the confirmation students and families will meet during the lunch to introduce themselves to each other. Be sure to pray for this service, our returning families, new families moving into the area, and our confirmation cohort.

The September 8<sup>th</sup> Kickoff will lead into a very exciting fall and holiday period. Here's what we have planned:

- ◆ Two Saturday night concerts for local gospel groups
- ◆ Continued search for a music director for mostly the traditional service
  - ◆ Christmas Bazaar
  - ◆ Special music for both services
  - ◆ Adding online giving capabilities to our website
- ◆ Twice-a-month Friday Fun Nights for Kids, parents, and grandparents
  - ◆ A ten-week Confirmation class
- ◆ Surveys for members to help future PNC discussions

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If you have been out of town this summer, you might not have noticed how many ministry events happened while you were gone. Here are a few things that transpired:

Our PNC/Mission Study committee finished the first document needed to get the PNC off and running. The first document was a mission study and plan for the church. The document and plan has received initial approval from Presbytery.

The Session and Trustees hired contractors to restore and rebuild the plaster ceiling in Kortright Chapel, fix our rain gutters, and inspect the attic eaves above the parlor.

Our experiment with "S'more Time with Jesus" this summer proved to be a great success. Many people mentioned that there are few opportunities for kid's activities at churches over the summer. The crowd that came out represented a diversity of generations. Unchurched families and parents came out also.

We are looking forward to an exciting fall, we hope you're excited too!

Yours on the Journey,

Rev. Glenn

### **Seeking volunteers**

Do you like seeing your friends on Sunday morning? Do you like welcoming them back to our beautiful sanctuary? Then maybe you would like to become a "Greeter" when needed before our Sunday, Traditional Worship Services at 11:00 AM. Responsibilities involve welcoming worshipers to our church and handing out the Church bulletin. Oh yeah—A smile is also needed. No long term commitment is required. Anyone interested in assisting with some of the activities performed at our Traditional worship service should contact Nance Hall at 410-973-1282.



**COMMUNION** will be held on the following date:

**World Communion Sunday—October 6**

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.

**Please note that the elements we serve are gluten-free**



### **S'MORE TIME WITH JESUS**

**Fridays,  
September  
13 & 27  
6pm-8pm**



## Events, Reports, Notices, & Stuff

### Congregational Life

We're excited to see everyone at the combined service and Blessing of the Backpacks at 11:00 on Sunday, September 8. We'll enjoy the service and lunch on the lawn of the church. Burgers, hot dogs, sausages, chips and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert for all to share.

Friendship Moments following the 11:00 service will resume on Sunday, September 15. Lunch will be served the first Sunday of each month; the remaining Sundays will be light fare. We would again welcome help from members of the congregation. If you are able to provide a dish, please contact the Coordinator for the month (**Rose Campion** for September).

Huge thanks to **Lynda Truitt** for providing snacks following the 9:00 service throughout the summer and into the fall. If you attend that service, please see Lynda and offer your help.

Mark your calendars for the return of our Family dinners on the second Tuesday of each month. October 8<sup>th</sup> will feature the annual Chili cook-off. Pull out your favorite chili recipe and join the competition! Cindi Pruitt

### The Birth Flower of September: Morning Glory



- 7th — HOLLY Bunting
- 10th— CHARLES Herpen  
SUSAN Todd
- 13th— RUTH Gubosh  
ELIZABETH Bozman  
Colin Porter
- 17th— STEVE Davis
- 18th— JESSICA Bunting
- 20th— GLORIA Gubosh
- 21st— Anne Hastings  
EVAN Cook
- 23rd— WANDA Stricker  
Bailey Warren
- 24th— JESSICA Arthur
- 26th— TRACEY Trask  
Matthew Holland, Jr.



**Tuesday, September 3,  
8:00am @**

**DeNovo's in Ocean Pines  
Bring a friend!**

**What better way to start  
your day then with good food,  
fellowship and the Lord!**



### Women's Lunch Bunch

Meets Wednesday,

September 11 @ 11:30am

For further information contact  
Evelyn Warren at 410-641-2109

Bring a friend!



- 6th— JERRY & MICHELLE Woroniecki
- 7th— Timothy & EMILY Vocke
- 22nd— JEREMY & VICTORIA Harsh
- 27th— ETHAN & Anne Marie Cook

## Mission Focus

As we enter into the Fall Season, we will be communicating more activities focused on helping the Ronald McDonald House located in Baltimore. This organization provides care for children and families of children with long term illnesses. We will be planning activities that will be open to anyone in our congregation who may want to get involved. We will be making blankets that will be donated to the children at the center and a potential day trip to prepare a meal and help provide a day of fun for the children. Stay tuned for more information as meetings and plans are communicated.

In addition to Ronald McDonald house, additional Mission and Deacon activity will be focused on Worcester County Cold Weather Shelter for the homeless, Worcester Youth bus stop ministries, collection of clothing for Nurse Angie's Closet at Buckingham Elementary School, and providing and serving dinners at the Samaritan's Shelter in Pocomoke. Stay tuned for more information as all are welcome to get involved if a mission focus touches your heart. Come get involved! It feels good when you do.

Nance Hall

## Peach Festival Success

The Berlin Peach Festival was a smashing success for the BPC Deacons as over 320 peach pies were baked and sold at the August event. Many members of Buckingham's Deacons, Elders, Trustees and congregation/family members assisted with baking, transporting, cutting and selling slices and whole pies at the event. Approximately \$2,500 in profit was collected for the Deacon's Fund which will be used to directly provide assistance for our local residents and community. A giant thank you to all who helped make this a peachy and successful event.





## A Note from Historian Lynne Murray

Most of us know that Colonel William Stevens settled in Somerset County and appealed to the Irish Presbytery to send a clergyman to the colonies. The clergyman answering that call was Francis Makemie, who founded our Buckingham Congregation in 1683. Stevens' service in the colonies and his position in the life of our church make him worth a more detailed look.

William Stevens was born in Buckinghamshire, England in 1630. By 1665 he had immigrated to the colonies and in a comparatively short time had accumulated an enormous plantation at "Rehoboth," in Pocomoke Hundred (a colonial hundred being a parcel that could support 100 families) in Somerset County. Somerset originally included the counties of Worcester and Wicomico, Worcester being split off in 1742, and Wicomico created from parts of both Somerset and Worcester in 1867.

In Stevens' lifetime he owned much of the area that now includes the three lower shore counties. His social status can be traced by the form of address he received; in 1666 he was known as Mister, by 1676 as Gentleman, by 1679 as Esquire, and by 1681 as Colonel. Today we generally refer to him as Colonel due to his military service as Commander of Horse for Somerset and Dorchester Counties. He represented Somerset County in both the lower and upper houses of the Maryland Assembly, served on the Accounts Committee and was Chairman of the Laws Committee. Other provincial offices he held were Council member, Justice of the Provincial Court, and Board of Deputy Governors. Stevens is listed as Coroner of Somerset County and the Keeper of Weights and Measures.

Although Stevens was an Episcopalian, his tolerance for other religions is noteworthy. In addition to sponsoring Makemie's arrival in 1682 he was also a friend of the Quakers who were not welcome in Virginia. The Englishman George Fox, founder of the Quakers, landed first in Maryland and was invited to preach at the home of Colonel Stevens. George Fox wished to meet native Americans and it is said that the Indian Chief Werowance Kikotank from nearby Indiantown, not far from Snow Hill, attended the service.

Charles Calvert, third Lord Baltimore, appointed Stevens to several high provincial offices. Calvert, a Catholic, appointed few Protestants to such positions and was cognizant of his tolerance and capabilities. Colonel Stevens died in Somerset County on December 23, 1687.



A Confirmation class for all Presbyterian churches in the area is being held at Buckingham!

Our first gathering will be Sunday, September 8 during our Lawn Lunch which follows our 11am combined worship service. Confirmation families will have an opportunity to introduce themselves.

We will all meet in Taylor Hall between 5:30 and 7 pm,  
Sunday nights September 15 - November 17th

## UP COMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Adult Care Givers meets every Monday at 6:30 pm**

**Spiritual Formation meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm**

**Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm**

**AA meets every Thursday at 8 pm**

**Men's Breakfast meets 1st Tuesday at DeNovo's 8:00am**

**Women's Lunch Bunch meets 2nd Wednesday at various restaurants 11:30am**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—SESSION 6:00 pm**

**SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 8—COMBINED SERVICE—BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS—11:00am on church lawn; CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN 5:30pm—Classes will be every Sunday evening September 15 through November 17th.**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—TRUSTEE Meeting 6:30pm**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—S'MORE TIME WITH JESUS "Good Friends Rock" 6:00pm**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—YARD SALE for new playground (Time TBD)**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27—S'MORE TIME WITH JESUS 6:00pm**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28—CONCERT 6:00pm**



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1—SESSION 6: 00 pm**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6—COMMUNION—WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11—S'MORE TIME WITH JESUS "Pumpkin Prayer Night" 6:00pm**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14—DEACON Meeting 6pm**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25—TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT FOR HALLOWEEN 6:00pm**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2—CONCERT 6:00pm**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8—KIDS PAINT NIGHT 6:00pm**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12—TRUSTEE Meeting 6:30pm**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22—LEGO NIGHT**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1—FIRST ADVENT COMMUNION;**

**CAROLS & CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING 6:00pm**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7—SANTA BREAKFAST**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13—CHRISTMAS VBS 6:00pm**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15—FAMILY NIGHT CHRISTMAS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE w/COMMUNION 7:00pm**

**Do you have an upcoming event or meeting? Please get it onto the church**

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Season of Peace begins	2 LABOR DAY 	3 Men's Breakfast 8am Session 6pm	4 Pastor hrs. 10am-1pm Spiritual Formation 6pm	5 AA 8pm	6	7
8 Combined Service @ 11am—Blessing of Backpacks Confirmation Gathering during Lawn Lunch	9 Pastor hrs. 11am-3m Adult Care-givers 6:30pm	10 Trustee Mtg. 6:30pm	11 Pastor hrs. 10am-1pm Women's Lunch Bunch 11:30am Spiritual Formation 6pm	12 AA 8pm	13 S'More Time w/Jesus 6pm	14 Yard Sale Fund Raiser
15 Friendship Moment resumes Confirmation Class 5:30-7pm	16 Pastor Hrs. 11am-3pm Adult Care-givers 6:30pm	17	18 Pastor hrs. 10am-1pm Spiritual Formation 6pm	19 AA 8pm	20	21
22 Confirmation Class 5:30-7pm	23 Pastor Hrs. 11am-3pm Adult Care-givers 6:30pm	24	25 Pastor hrs. 10am-1pm Spiritual Formation 6pm	26 AA 8pm	27 S'More Time w/Jesus 6pm	28 Concert 6pm
29 Confirmation Class 5:30-7pm	30 Pastor Hrs. 11am-3pm Adult Care-givers 6:30pm	<b>Red</b> apples, <b>Blue</b> sky—It's September; Falling <b>leaves</b> , <b>Rainbow</b> questions—It's September; Opening doors, Opening books, Opening hearts—It's September; Time of wonder, time of growing, Timeless treasures—It's <b>September</b> 				

**Buckingham  
Presbyterian Church**

**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.*