

BUCKINGHAM GRAM

APRIL 2025

THE MAIN EVENT



Happy April friends! We have been making our way through Lent with our preaching and teaching series: “Taking the Shepherd’s Guidance through Lent” - with a verse-by-verse deep look at Psalm 23 (and accompanying scriptures.) For those who have been with us in worship and study, I hope the journey, so far, has been faith-deepening.

Of course, this journey all leads to something spectacular - **The main event of Easter Sunday** when we will again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and the new life made possible for us and for the world. In the light of the resurrection, indeed we will find we are covered in “goodness and mercy,” and grace and love - all the days of our lives - now and in the life to come. I hope you will continue the journey through Lent with us all the way through Holy Week and then of course to Easter Sunday. We have special services planned for Holy Week, including a combined service on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and two services for Easter Sunday with our annual Easter egg hunt on the church lawn in between services. All the dates and details for these events and more can be found in this edition of the Gram. Please mark your calendars, hang on your refrigerators, and follow the shepherd’s lead together with the faith family of Buckingham this Easter season.

If up to this point, you’ve not found your way to church, it is never too late to come and be part of this beautiful community of faith. It is always a good time to recommit to ones faith walk, and to come and be fed in spirit.

I hope to see you soon! - Pastor Mark

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tues, Wed, Fri 10:30-3:30

WEEKLY SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Sunday	Contemporary Service*	9:00am
	Friendship Hour	10:15am
	Sewing Seeds of Love	10:30am
	Traditional Service	11:00am
	*Kid's Church available during 9am service	
Monday	Share & Care	6:30pm
Tuesday	G3 Youth	5:30pm
Thursday	Choir	5:30pm
	Bible Study	6:00pm

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

G3 FORCE YOUTH

GOD, GAMES & GRUB

APRIL 2025

**G3
3RD-6TH
GRADE**

**SUNDAYS
KID'S CHURCH -9AM**

TUESDAYS 5:30-7PM

4/1 APRIL FOOLS FUN!
4/8 COMPETITIVE FUN!
4/15 HOLY WEEK!
4/22 EGG DROP!
4/29 IT'S A SURPRISE!

**G3
JUNIOR
K-2ND**

**SUNDAYS
KID'S CHURCH -9AM**

1ST TUESDAYS 5:30-7PM

4/1 APRIL FOOLS FUN!
5/6 BUILDING A LITTLE
LIBRARY FOR SHOWELL
ELEMENTARY

**G3
OLDER
YOUTH**

**1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS
10:15-10:45AM**

4/6 LEARN ABOUT LENT
AND HELP FILL EASTER
EGGS

4/20 OLDER YOUTH WILL
HELP HIDE EGGS
DURING 9AM SERVICE
& ENJOY THE EGG
HUNT AT 10AM

**ALL
G3**

4/4 SERVING LUNCH AT
HALO - 11AM
(MEET AT CHURCH AT
10:15AM TO CARPOOL)

4/20 EASTER EGG HUNT
BETWEEN SERVICES

4/26 WORCESTER COUNTY
CHILD ADVOCACY
CENTER (CRICKET)
WALK 12PM

Candy Donations Needed

We'll be doing our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20th between service. If you would like to contribute candy for the eggs, that would be GREATLY appreciated!

Thank you so much for making this annual tradition possible for the Sheep Pen.

Sheep Pen Led Service



On March 30th our Sheep Pen Kids led the 9am worship service! What a joy to be blessed with children whose hearts are so filled with the love of Jesus. Let's all follow the shepherd with such joy.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Youth Event Details

APRIL 4th 11am All Youth (and adult volunteers) are invited to meet us at the church at 10:15am to carpool to HALO in Salisbury (119 South Blvd) or meet us there at 11am to serve lunch.



APRIL 26th 12pm Join us for the 12th Annual Walk for Kids on the Boardwalk and help us continue providing critical services for victims of child abuse.



Register: <https://worcestercac.org/#events>

Your Help is Always Needed and Greatly Appreciated!

Each Sunday morning, we have nursery available for our youngest during the 9am service. If you'd like to spend a bit of time with some awesome kids, pick a Sunday that works for you and sign up. The service is streamed into the nursery, so you can worship that way or join us at 11am.

On Sunday mornings, Kids Church is available during the 9am service. During this time our G3 and Jr G3 youth participate in a hands on lesson related to what is happening in worship. You can see some of their recent artwork in the hallway at church as they learned about Psalm 23.

Join the youth on a Tuesday night. You can prepare food for us (cook it yourself or order it). You can play a game with us. You can lead our lesson. You can help with cleaning up. You can be present and remind the youth they are loved. So many options. We'd love to see you on a Tuesday nights.

Questions? Contact Pastor Susannah or Sign up on the Sign Up Genius Link using the QR Code below.

**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES:
SIGN UP HERE**



**thank
you**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sub Sale. Because of your generosity, we were able to share \$2,000 with Mya Douglas. Her family sent this note of gratitude- *"Thank you so much for raising money for Mya with sub sales. Our family appreciates the time and effort that went into making it possible. Thank you again. Our town is nothing but awesome."*

TAKING THE SHEPHERD'S GUIDANCE THROUGH LENT

Join us Sunday mornings 9am or 11am & Thursday evenings for Bible Study at 6pm
as we journey through the 23rd Psalm



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 13th at 10am
Maundy Thursday - April 17 at 6pm
Good Friday - April 18 Service at 6pm
Easter Sunday - April 20 9am & 11am
Easter Egg Hunt between services

Holy Week Details

PALM SUNDAY - April 13th 10am COMBINED service
followed by fellowship in Taylor Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17th 6pm service w/Potluck

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18th 11:30am Stations of the Cross
6:00pm Chapel Service

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20th 9am & 11am Services
Egg Hunt Between Services for all youth



**BEGINNING AT 11:30AM IN ST PAUL'S
PARKING LOT ON CHURCH STREET;
ENDING IN BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN
PARKING LOT ON MAIN STREET;**

SOUP AND BREAD LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Hosted by the Buckingham Presbyterian and St. Paul's Episcopal churches of Berlin, MD
Contact Pastor Mark at 410-641-0234 to RSVP or for more info



Kid's Sew – Sundays 10:30am-12pm

Sewing Mission – Tuesdays 5:00pm All ages are welcome, items will be donated to local missions

Saturday Classes – April 5th 1-3pm Crossbody Bag

Birthday Parties! What a fun way to celebrate your birthday! Projects include Pillowcases, Initial Pillows, Backpack, Drawstring Bag, or Skirt. Parties would last approx. 3hrs. \$30 per person includes fabric, prep work and sewing machines. Class size is limited and for ages 8 and up. Contact Debbie Frene for more information.

FRIED OYSTER AND CHICKEN SALAD FELLOWSHIP DINNER!

Over 100 dinners were served and we were surrounded by new as well as familiar faces. What a beautiful afternoon it was together.

Thank you to Stevensons Crossroads for providing wonderful tunes for us all to enjoy!





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

THIS YEAR, BUCKINGHAM
PRESBYTERIAN WILL AGAIN TAKE UP
THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
OFFERING ON PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response, to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

Receives 32% of funds. Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees

In 2023, PDA granted \$6.1 million in 27 U.S. states and 46 countries.

- 131 National Response Team members were deployed to 46 presbyteries.
- 1,837 work team volunteers served in AR, CA, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, TX and Puerto Rico, donating 127,755 hours, totaling more than \$4 million in volunteer time.
- In partnership with Church World Service, 116,273 Gift of the Heart Kits and blankets were distributed.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

Receives 36% of funds. Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed

In 2023, you helped PHP give 84 grants totaling \$1.1 million, impacting 19 countries and a territory, including the U.S. and Puerto Rico. PHP also partnered with

- 12 Presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, • 80 Hunger Action Congregations and • 304 Earth Care Congregations across the U.S.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

Receives 32% of funds. Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues

Projects focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges.

Envelopes for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be available on the tables for the collection on Palm Sunday. Please support this great mission!



from the **DEACONS**

Your Deacons continue to provide ministry to the church and community. As we head into the warmer months we will be parking cars and selling peach pies to raise funds for our Deacon Ministry. Please consider helping if possible. You can speak with any Deacon or contact Bob Arthur. "Deacons love people. The Greek word for deacon literally means servant.". Your Deacons are here for you if the need arises, please feel free to reach out!



APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Sewing Seeds 5pm G3 & Jr. G3 5:30pm	2	3 Choir 5:30pm Bible Study 6pm	4 G3 Serving at HALO 11am	5 Community Yard Sale 7am-2pm Sewing Seeds Class 1-3pm
6 Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Traditional Service 11am Communion	7 Share & Care 6:30pm	8 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Session 6pm Sewing Seeds 5pm G3 5:30pm	9	10 Choir 5:30pm Bible Study 6pm	11	12
13 Palm Sunday COMBINED SERVICE 10am Followed by Fellowship	14 Share & Care 6:30pm	15 Sewing Seeds 5pm G3 5:30pm	16	17 Maundy Thursday Service and Potluck 6pm	18 Good Friday Walk the Stations of the Cross 11:30am Service 6pm	19
20 EASTER Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Traditional 11am Egg Hunt Between	21 Share & Care 6:30pm	22 Sewing Seeds 5pm G3 5:30pm	23	24 Choir 5:30pm Bible Study 6pm	25	26 Worcester County Child Advocacy Center Walk 12pm
27 Holy Humor Sunday Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Deacons Mtg 10am Traditional Service 11am	28 Share & Care 6:30pm	29 Sewing Seeds 5pm G3 5:30pm	30	Fellowship Time Sundays between the two service Sewing Seeds of Love Sundays at 10:30am Older Youth meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays 10:15-10:45. Holy Communion - 1st Sunday of every month		



April 03Joe Pylpczuk April 22Wyatt Parker
 April 14Brooke Warren April 23David Pruitt
 April 16Paul Cook April 24Leslie Fraser
 April 18Susan Rencher April 26Cole Bergey
 April 22Debbie Frene April 30Hugh Cropper IV



If your special day is not listed, please call the church office 410-641-0234 and
 leave a message with your name and correct information OR email info@buckinghampcusa.org
 THANK YOU!

DEADLINE

Submissions for the May Gram are
due by April 20th



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.*