

# Buckingham Gram

Feb/March 2024



## TRANSFIGURED IN LENT

The church is now in the season of Lent. When taken seriously, Lent can be a very powerful time spiritually for Christians. A time of listening, preparing, reflecting and sharing what it means for us to follow the risen Lord Jesus.

As we noted on the last Sunday of “ordinary time,” we always hear and consider the “transfiguration” of Jesus on the cusp of Lent. This year we focused on Peter’s desire to “tent down” and stay a while on the mountain with Him. We asked: How might we all be more intentional to “tent down,” focus, lean in and really listen to Him and all the ways He teaches and shows us how to love and live?

I’ve said it before – and here I say it again: I invite us all to a Holy Lent. Come to the Thursday night study – come and learn something new –or maybe renew the tried and true. If you haven’t been to Sunday worship for a while, come and experience Lent to be a time to listen to Christ and to open your ears, eyes, soul and mind to His transformative power in your life. Set time aside for Sunday worship as well as special Holy Week and Easter Services.\*

Come and find Lent to be a season of extraordinary renewal of faith as we look forward again to the promise of Easter Sunday and the hope found in Christ’s resurrection. Come and discover the Transfiguration that happens in us when we take time to be still, to focus, to seek and see the fullness of the light of the risen Christ.

I look forward to continuing the Lenten journey with you.

Peace, Pastor Mark

## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

### Sundays in Lent

**February 18, 25; March 3, 10 and 17 – 9AM Chapel and 11AM Sanctuary Services**

### Palm Sunday

**March 24 – 10 AM Combined Service w/Celebration of Baptism for Kade and Kolten Hoffmann!**

### Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday March 28 – 6PM – Taylor Hall - “Taken, Blessed, Broken, Shared”**

**Good Friday March 29 – 6PM – The Chapel – “Light in Darkness” - Tenebrae Service**

### Easter Sunday

**March 31 - 9AM Chapel and 11AM Sanctuary Services with Egg Hunt between services**



For ages 8+

## SEWING WORKSHOPS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Friday, March 29th - Pillowcases  
Friday, April 12th - Flannel Pajama Bottoms  
Saturday, May 4th - Mother's Day Matching Aprons

FROM 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Space is limited! \$20.00 per person per workshop

Register by calling  
410-641-0234



## SEWING FOR A CAUSE

Sunday Mornings

FROM 10:30 – 12:00 NOON

LEARN HOW TO SEW WHILE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

20 South Main Street  
Berlin, Maryland 21811  
410-641-0234

## Sewing Seeds of Love in Honduras



Huge thank you to everyone who helped Sewing Seeds of Love with this mission. We will be sending over 80 dresses and shorts with Pastor Woody and Christina, our neighbors and friends from Stevenson United Methodist Church as they go to Lis Roscones, Honduras. Their annual trip provides much needed medical supplies to this area. The dresses and shorts will be handed out to the children in the village. God Bless them with safe travels.

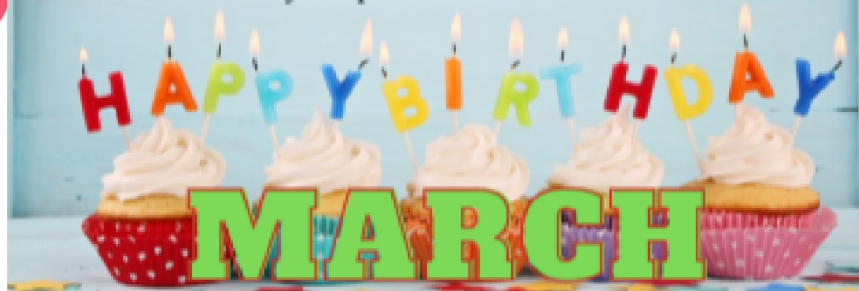
## February Happy Birthday

Feb 01 ...Evelyn Warren	Feb 14 ...Rowan Cook
Feb 06 ...Jacob Cook	Feb 16 ...Cathy Leyden
Feb 07 ...Lindsay Ashton	Feb 19 ...Michael Leyden
Feb 10 ...George David	Feb 20 ...Ethan Cook
Feb 12 ...Dorothy Timpken	Feb 27...Steve Frene
Feb 12 ...Thomas Truitt	Feb 27 ...Cade Harsh

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 9... Charles and Joan Townsend  
February 14 .. Tony and Karla Davis  
February 27 .. Greg and Leslie Frasier

March 01 .... Lynda Truitt	March 18 .... Erin Trask
March 02 .... Skylar Cook	March 21.... Wendy Macrides
March 02 .... Tammy Nickell	March 22 .... Ella Gaddis
March 14 .... Christopher Bunting	March 22 .... Scout Vocke
March 18 .... Dorothy Simpson	March 24 .... Victoria Harsh



March 15 ... Gil and Dorothy Simpson  
March 17 ... John and Carol Fisher  
March 20 ... Edward and Crystal Warren  
March 26 ... John and Wanda Stricker  
March 28 ... Steve and Debbie Frene  
March 31 ... Steve and Lois Davis





## WELCOME SUSANNAH DeBENEDETTO BPC's NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR!!!

In January we were so blessed to welcome Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto as our new Youth Director. She is an ordained UCC minister with a wealth of experience in working with youth and building successful youth ministries. Susannah's short time with us has been so far so great(!) as she is leading our weekly G3 (God, Games and Grub) Youth Group, organizing fun outings (bowling), mission opportunities (Ronald McDonald House), worship (Ash Wednesday) and more! She's also working with our older recently confirmed youth, planning opportunities for service and fellowship together. We are SO glad to have Susannah on board helping our church to keep our promises to feed our children well in the Spirit of the Lord. If you haven't yet met Susannah, please be sure to give her a heartfelt Buckingham welcome.

### Let's hear from Susannah in her own words...

"Hello! My name is Susannah DeBenedetto. I am an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ. I have served Presbyterian and UCC churches in Missouri, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Maryland. For the past eight years, I've served as a Spiritual Counselor at Coastal Hospice. I am delighted to be here at Buckingham getting to know the amazing youth and all who love them. I've always been part of the church. I grew up as a PK (Pastor's Kid) and spent my whole childhood living in parsonages. I consider the church people who raised me in the faith as part of my family and am grateful for their love and support throughout the years. My amazing memories of my church families growing up are what I hope to support in my ministry here-ensuring that all children and youth know this is a place they are loved-by God and by their church family. I graduated from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky with a degree in History. My Master's of Divinity degree is from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. I have a certificate in Youth and Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. And I've just begun working on a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from UMES. I love to read. I enjoy a good cup of tea. Exploring the world, laughing with friends and family, eating good food, and listening to other's stories all bring me much joy. I live in Salisbury with my husband, Rich. Also sharing our home is my mother-in-law, Mary, and Mary's (mostly) adorable dog, Milli.



## UPCOMING DATES

<b>Wed. Feb 14th - 12:30-3pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service and Cake Fun!</b>
<b>Mon. Feb 19th - 11am-1pm</b>	<b>Volunteering at HALO 119 S. Blvd Salisbury, MD</b>
<b>Wed. Feb 21st- 5:30-7pm</b>	<b>G3</b>
<b>Wed. Feb 28th - 5:30-7pm</b>	<b>G3</b>
<b>Wed. March 6th - 5:30-7pm</b>	<b>G3</b>
<b>Wed. March 13th - 12:30-3pm</b>	<b>G3</b>
<b>Fri. March 15th - 6pm</b>	<b>Art for a Cause</b>
<b>Wed. March 20th - 5:30-7pm</b>	<b>G3</b>
<b>Wed. March 27th - 12:30-3pm</b>	<b>G3 Holy Week</b>



# FEBRUARY/MARCH

Church office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-3pm

Mondays: 6:30pm - Share & Care

Wednesdays: 6pm - G3

Thursdays: 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm Choir

## Mark your calendars

Wed. Feb 14th	12:30-3pm 6:00pm	G3 Ash Wednesday Service and Cake Fun! Ash Wednesday Service
Tues. March 12th	8:30am 6:00pm	Men's Breakfast Rayne's Reef Session Meeting
Wed. March 13th	12:30-3pm	G3 (early release day for students)
Fri. March 15th -	6pm	G3 Art for a Cause
Wed. March 27th	12:30-3pm	G3 Holy Week (no 5:30pm G3)
Fri. March 29th	1-3pm	Sewing Seeds of Love Sewing Class
Sun. March 24th	10am	Combined Service w/Celebration of Baptism for Kade & Kolten Hoffmann!
Thurs. March 28th	6pm	Maundy Thursday Service "Taken, Blessed, Broken, Shared"
Fri. March 29th	6pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service "Light in Darkness"
Sun. March 31st	9 & 11am	Easter Services Egg Hunt between services



# Meet the Members

(a new addition to our Newsletter)

Interviews with Doug Parks & Carol Neal

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## DOUG PARKS

**Interviewer:** Doug, thank you for taking time for this interview. Let's start with you telling us just a little about yourself.

**Doug:** *I am 90 years old and have lived in Maryland all of my life. I grew up on a Farm and I met my wife Suzanne when I was 5 years old, she was my neighbor. I went all the through elementary, high school and college with her brother. I have two sons. I worked for Southern States and when that job ended I bought a Southern State Farm Store and ran that for many years.*

**Interviewer:** How did you come to be a member of Buckingham Presbyterian?

**Doug:** *I attended a Methodist Church all my life and decided to make a change so I came to Buckingham Presbyterian*

**Interviewer:** What is something you enjoy about our church?

**Doug:** *The communication with the congregation and the message.*

**Interviewer:** What do you enjoy most about being a Christian?

**Doug:** *That I am going to heaven!*



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## CAROL NEAL

**Interviewer:** Tell us a little about you.

**Carol:** *I moved to the Eastern Shore in 2006. My husband Fred and I built a home and moved to Berlin. I have two children and each of my children have two children. Recently my granddaughter had a baby and I am now a great grandmother.*

**Interviewer:** How did you become a member of Buckingham Presbyterian?

**Carol:** *When I moved to Berlin I wanted to find a church in town. 3 churches hosted a Christmas House tour and I attended all 3. When I visited Buckingham it just felt right. When I came back to church Carol Rose welcomed me and invited me to sit with her.*

**Interviewer:** What is something you enjoy about our church?

**Carol:** *The people, the church.*

**Interviewer:** Is there something you would like to see the church offer/Are there any gifts or talents you would be willing to share?

**Carol:** *I would like to see the church being back some of the fund raising events such as the Bazaar and Breakfast with Santa.*

**Interviewer:** What do you enjoy most about being a Christian?

**Carol:** *The love of Jesus Christ!*



*Special thanks to Cathy Leyden for conducting these interviews and introducing us to some of our wonderful Buckingham Presbyterian Church Members.*

# **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.*