

# BUCKINGHAMGRAM

JUNE - JULY

## RUNNING INTO SUMMER

### OFFICE HOURS UPDATE

Church Office Summer Hours:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Closed</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>11am-4pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>11am-4pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>11am-4pm</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Closed</b>   |



## WEEKLY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| <b>Sunday</b>   | Contemporary Service | 9:00am  |
|                 | Friendship Hour      | 10:15am |
|                 | Traditional Service  | 11:00am |
| <b>Monday</b>   | Share & Care         | 6:30pm  |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Bible Study          | 6:00pm  |
|                 | Choir                | 7:00pm  |

## PASTOR NOTES FOR SUMMER 2024: A SUMMER OF INSPIRATION

This Summer we have embarked on a series called **SPIRIT INSPIRED!** in which we are looking at the many ways the Holy Spirit is present with us when we worship. We've said that worship is a lifestyle – something we are actively called to participate in. Christian Worship may be defined simply as one giving “all glory and honor, praise and Thanksgiving to the holy triune God.” Worship then is not confined to an hour-long weekly church service – but rather, it may happen anywhere and anytime. *However – it's still a VERY good thing to come to church on Sundays!*

We gather in a worship service as a response to the God who loved us so much that he gave his only son Jesus...and the Holy Spirit is the one who “gathers us for worship and who calls us together to enlighten and equip us through the word of God - giving us gifts for ministry in the church and mission in the world” - to further and deepen our response to God's love.

So, this summer we are looking at all the “parts” of our worship services (called the “Liturgy”) – from beginning to end – with hope that by the end of the series we will all have a greater sense of the presence and the direction of the Holy Spirit in worship - and a deeper appreciation for the way we worship here at Buckingham. So far at this writing – we've looked at three important “parts” of worship together:

**1. LITURGY:** We looked at the structure of our service as a whole and defined “liturgy” as “the work of the people.” Worship is not something done for us or around us; rather we called to engage in the work together. A church service is our weekly practice session for the work then that we are called to do in the world as followers of Jesus Christ.

**2. CALL TO WORSHIP:** We looked at the “call to worship” – which is really an invitation to give our full attention to God in worship. It is also a reminder (right at the beginning of worship) of our call to go and invite others to come and join us in the action of the being the church.

**3. PRAYER:** We also looked at the hand-in-hand relationship between worship and prayer, defined for us as “the heart of worship” and “the primary way in which we participate in worship.” We named several types of prayer, namely corporate (using words), silent (prayed in quiet) and the all-important confessional prayer in which we stand in grace together.

This is where we've already been, friends – and the best is yet to come! We will be looking at the importance of the scriptures (both read and preached), the sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion), the use of Creeds and the Offering. All of which are Spirit-inspired parts of our liturgy.

And OF COURSE there is MUSIC! Details to come on a special evening outdoor service CELEBRATING MUSIC and the many ways the Spirit sings to us and through us when we worship God through it.

**Tentative date and time: Sunday, July 28 – 6PM. Stay tuned! (Ha Ha - get it?)**

**DON'T FORGET to let your Burning Questions about and all aspects of worship be known.** Feel free to bring them to worship – or get in touch with me and I'll do my best to answer them. This is a time for learning together. On that note – also remember you can always come on a Thursday night to meet with our BPC Scholars group at 6 o'clock - where the conversation and questions continue to flow.

I look forward to this continuing Spirit-Inspired summer series with all of you! – Pastor Mark

**REGISTRATION OPEN!!**

Buckingham Presbyterian,  
Stevenson United Methodist & St. Paul's Episcopal

INVITE YOU TO



GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A  
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS  
BIBLES 12-5

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PREK3 - 5TH GRADE

All children ages preK3  
(who are potty trained)  
through 5th grade  
are invited to enjoy a week  
of experiencing God's love  
through **food, games,  
stories, crafts, science,  
and so much fun!**

REGISTER HERE:



**JUNE 24-28 | 5:30 -8:00PM**

LOCATION: Buckingham Presbyterian Church  
20 South Main St. Berlin

**Youth & Adults Your help is needed to make VBS a  
wonderful week. We have a variety of volunteer  
opportunities. Contact Susannah to volunteer**

## BEADS OF COURAGE

We are continuing toward our goal of making 5000  
beads. As of June 2nd, we have 1827 beads created.

There will be more opportunities to make beads  
throughout the month of June! Help us reach our big  
goal of sending 5000 beads to children who are ill,  
hospitalized, or receiving children.



G3 has had a great year! We have met 22 times this year with an average attendance of 10 youth! With all the friends and visitors who have joined our regulars, 35 different youth have participated in G3 this year! G3 served others by making lunch at HALO, planting corn in the garden, making beads for Beads of Courage, reaching out to our neighbors on Mr. Roger's Day, filling bags for Backpacks, working on a free little library, and selling subs for SuperBowl of Caring. G3 has played so many games of kickball, softball, pizza vs. puppies, 4 square and 4 corners, ping pong, foosball. The relationships G3 has been building with each other, the adults who work with them, and with God are amazing and still growing. Looking forward to all G3 will be doing in the future. Stay tuned.

# G3FORCE

GOD, GAMES & GRUB

## SUMMER WITH G3

**Tuesday, June 18th 9-11am**

We will be finishing our Free Little  
Library and have time to celebrate  
the end of school!

**July 23 & 24 Baltimore**



RONALD McDONALD  
HOUSE CHARITIES  
OF BALTIMORE

**Tuesday** - We will be volunteering at  
the Ronald McDonald House and  
then spend the night in Baltimore

**Wednesday** - We will do something  
fun as a group before heading back  
home. Mark this on your calendars,  
you won't want to miss it.

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**Gathering 10:15-10:45**

**June 16, June 30, July 14**

We are also planning our first outing  
to celebrate the end of school. Look  
for more information on that soon.

## S'MORE TIME WITH JESUS RETURNING FRIDAYS, 6pm

**JULY 12th & 26th**

We are excited to bring back our  
fun family faith nights on the front  
lawn. We hope you plan to join us.



# news from the **DEACONS**

Congregation your Deacons have been busy! We continue to support community needs and have decided to expand our giving. We have adopted **two children from Compassionate International, A 7 year old boy named Prince from Togo and Madai an 11 year old girl from Honduras.** Compassion International explains how are sponsorship benefits our adopted children:

*"By providing education, health care, food, clean water and other critical needs, you give your child the tools they need to thrive and reach their God-given potential.*

*In partnership with the local church, your child receives the education support they need to learn critical life skills, the medical care they need to defeat disease...the list goes on! Most importantly, they receive an introduction to Jesus and experience His incredible love for them.*

*In other words, child sponsorship helps break the vicious cycle of poverty while providing life-giving hope".*

We will also begin providing consistent member focused care. If you would like a Deacon visit or have a need please contact Deacon Moderator Cathy Leyden 302-841-5998.

The Deacons generate money through parking cars at town events and and the Peach Festival. Help is always needed and greatly appreciated, if you are able to assist please contact Cathy.



## SUMMER SEWING WORKSHOPS

- Friday, July 12th - Beginners Pillowcase **10am-12 pm**
- Friday, July 26th - Fish Backpack **1-3 pm**
- Friday, August 9th - Beginners Pillowcase **1-3 pm**
- Friday, August 23rd - Skirts **10am-12 pm**

Space is limited! \$20.00 per person per workshop

Register by calling  
Debbie @ 443-430-4948

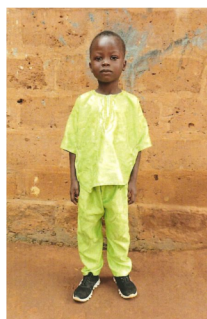
## SEWING FOR A CAUSE

Sunday Mornings  
FROM 10:30 – 12:00 NOON

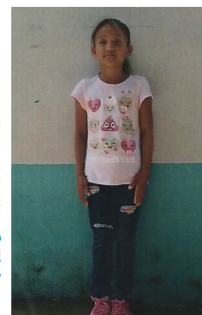
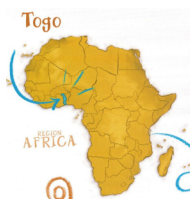
LEARN HOW TO SEW WHILE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Please join us in praying for our newly adopted children through Compassion International.



Prince  
7 years old



Madia  
11 years old



Join us on Sunday, June 16th  
We will celebrate all our  
Graduates at both services!



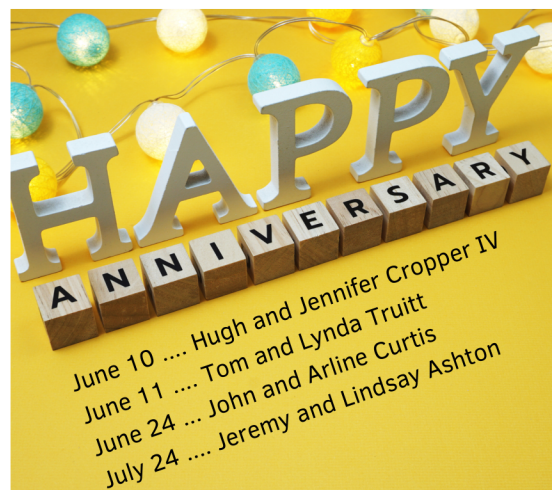
## JUNE

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| June 01 .... Robert Bunting   | June 11 .... George Phillips         |
| June 02 .... Paul Chambers    | June 14 .... Laura Truitt            |
| Kitt Matthews                 | June 16 .... Oliver Vocke            |
| Kristin Parker                | June 18 .... Richard Holland,<br>Sr. |
| June 04 .... Alexander Gaddis | June 19 .... Jason Parker            |
| June 05 .... Aubrey Tull      | June 20 .... Terry Ferguson          |
| June 09 .... Jeremy Ashton    | June 22 .... Robert Arthur           |
| June 10 .... Thomas Cropper   | June 25 .... Emily David             |
| Sophia Macrides               |                                      |

## JULY

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|----------------------------------------------|
| July 02 .... Susan Cropper                   |
| July 07 .... Kandis Kulyk<br>Kathleen Pruitt |
| July 17 .... Carol Neal                      |
| July 19 .... Brenda Burbage                  |
| July 21 .... Rosealee Campion                |
| July 25 .... Viola Keesling                  |
| July 26 .... John Fisher                     |
| July 29 .... Patricia Rouch                  |

Happy Birthday



# BUCKINGHAM YOUTH

In addition to interviewing the members of Buckingham, we will also begin highlighting the Youth of Buckingham Presbyterian Church. This month we begin with Claire Parker and Macy Woroniecki.

## Claire Parker

Claire (11) is the daughter of Kristin and Jason Parker. She is currently a 5th grader at the Berlin Intermediate School where her favorite subject is Math. Claire participates in softball, and soccer and is a Green Belt in Karate working toward her Blue Belt. Claire is also an author, having recently co-authored and illustrated a children's book teaching others the importance of taking care of the environment.

**Here at Buckingham Presbyterian,** Claire can often be found helping out with Sewing Seeds of Love, the Beads of Courage project for young cancer patients and packing food for the OCES Backpack program. She is especially helpful to the leaders of Kids Church in providing assistance with the younger students. The 9AM service attendees are often blessed to hear Claire sing with Steve Frene as well.



Claire also helps out at the Spirit Kitchen at Stevenson when she can. Recently, Claire was named a Ben Carson Scholar, cited for her academic excellence and humanitarian qualities through achievement in community service.

This summer Claire is looking forward to the pool, sleepovers and hanging out with friends. She is especially excited to participate in the Buckingham G3 visit to the Ronald McDonald House. In the future, Claire would like to become an art teacher, where she can use her creativity, or run her own daycare facility working with younger children. Claire would like to give a SHOUT OUT to her parents, who have always been there for her, celebrating all of her achievements big and small. She also gives a SHOUTOUT to "Dewey" (grandmother Debbie Frene) for her leadership of the Sewing Seeds of Love and the Beads of Courage projects which Claire participates in, and to Lindsay Ashton and Reverend Susannah for all of their work and support of the youth of Buckingham.



## Macy Woroniecki

Macy is the daughter of Jerry and Michelle Woroniecki and recently graduated from Stephen Decatur High School where she was a member of the cross-country and track teams. This past fall, Macy was awarded Champion of the Bayside Athletic Conference for Cross-Country. Macy will miss her teammates, as well as the teachers she formed connections with, while at Stephen Decatur.

Macy plans to attend St. Mary's College of Maryland this fall where she will major in Spanish. She received several merit scholarships from St. Mary's as well as several community-based scholarships. Macy is considering a double major and will use the first few years of college to discover new things about herself before making a decision on what the second major will be. She is also going to continue running as part of both St. Mary's cross-country and track teams. Macy is looking forward with excitement to all the new things being away from home, having new teammates, and continuing her education will bring. Over the summer, she will continue to work at King Cone in Ocean City as well as continue training for the cross-country team.



**One of Macy's favorite memories of Buckingham Presbyterian has been working with the younger children as a member of the youth group.** Her favorite examples of this were the car washes, in which all the youth of Buckingham would come together to raise funds for their programs. Macy was also a volunteer for the Buckingham nursery on Sundays.

Macy would like to give a SHOUT OUT to her parents and grandparents for all of their help, support and love; helping her navigate the process of college selection and next steps; and backing her decisions. Best wishes Macy for continued success. The Buckingham Congregation will be praying for you every step of the way!!





# JUNE / JULY



Sunday Services: 9am Contemporary, 11am Traditional

Summer Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 11am-4pm

Mondays: 6:30pm Share & Care

Thursdays: 6:00pm Bible Study

7:30pm Choir

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

|                  |           |                                                  |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Tues. June 11    | 6:00pm    | Session                                          |
| Sun. June 16th   | 10:15am   | Middle & High School Gathering                   |
| Tues. June 18th  | 9:00-11am | G3 Gathering                                     |
| M-F June 24-28th | 5:30-8pm  | Vacation Bible School                            |
| Sun. June 30th   | 10:15am   | Middle & High School Gathering                   |
| Tues. July 9th   | 6:00pm    | Session                                          |
| Fri. July 12th   | 1:00-3pm  | Sewing Seeds of Love Class                       |
| Fri. July 12th   | 6:00pm    | S'more Time with Jesus                           |
| Sun July 14th    | 10:15am   | Middle & High School Gathering                   |
| July 23rd-24th   | TBD       | G3 Serving at Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore |
| July 26th        | 1:00-3pm  | Sewing Seeds of Love Class                       |
| July 26th        | 6:00pm    | S'more Time with Jesus                           |
| July 28th        | 6:00pm    | Combined Worship Service                         |

G3, Middle & High School Students, stay tuned for announcements of other events and gatherings.



COMING IN AUGUST  
Blessing of the BackPacks - Combined Service  
Sunday August 25th



# **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.*