

BUCKINGHAM GRAM

JUNE 2025

THE ESSENTIAL NEED FOR A GOOD "PAIR OF CLEATS"



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. - Acts 2: 1-4

A few years ago, when still living in upstate New York, I had a chance to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Although I am not a die-hard baseball fan, I absolutely loved it – the displays, the plaques, all the great history of America's game.

My favorite displays are the wooden statues of Babe Ruth and Ted Williams. The details on these works of art are amazing – from their team caps down to their shining metal cleats. The descriptions of the statues make it clear, though – these statues are made entirely from wood – there's no cloth, no metal, no leather, no stitching – they are 100% wood and paint.

These carvings are so life-like! I half expected them to come to life – as if some magical baseball cap may fall from the sky onto their heads (like in the Christmas cartoon "Frosty the Snowman" when the magic top hat lands on Frosty's head and he suddenly springs to life and says: "Happy Birthday!") I wish – but alas – these statues will remain wooden likenesses – from the caps to each shiny pair of cleats – leaving us to only remember and imagine the life of these two greats.

On June 8, the church will celebrate Pentecost – again saying "happy birthday" to the church. The church came to life by the coming of the promised Holy Spirit – bringing life to the community of faith and every one of Christ's followers.

The Holy Spirit is called the "Paraclete" – the Spirit of Truth who cleaves to us and gives us courage to show and tell others about the truth we believe about the love and power of Jesus Christ. The mission of the church is and has always been to give testimony to this truth – in word and deed – and to stand firm in the power of the Holy Spirit while standing in awe of the many ways the Holy Spirit works in and through us – and makes itself known in people we may never have dreamed possible.

Buckingham has a long history and an amazing story to tell – over centuries of building strong community ties, of serving others here and throughout the world. We continue our support of local and global mission and our Mission Team is always looking for new ways to reach out and to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Our young people see these efforts and want to get involved too! Our youth ministries has its eyes and ears open for opportunities to serve together – while having a little fun in the process. How amazing it is to see where and how the Holy Spirit leads them – and all of us!

I love this quote: "The Blessed Paraclete is the link that keeps alive the relationship between past and future – the creative genius of the Father, with redemptive love of the Son – and the courageous witness of the church." (source unknown)

Funnily enough, this reminds me of baseball. The Paraclete – like a good pair of cleats – keeps us grounded – but also keeps us moving forward – ready to take the next BIG step. Like a player up to bat – with one foot grounded and one foot stepping forward to take a swing.

Let us join with the Paraclete – the amazing and unstoppable, life-giving power of God unleashed in the world – with one foot fully grounded in our faith and the other stepping out with power – not holding back but lunging out into the wider world – with our testimony to the Truth of God's love – in word and loving action for all. Happy Birthday, Church! Now, let's play ball! – Pastor Mark

Combined Service on Pentecost
Sunday, June 8th
10 AM in the sanctuary.



Let's all join together on the most festive day of the church calendar year as we celebrate the birthday of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit.

We will also lift up the spirit's presence in the lives of our youth as we celebrate the end of the school year, graduations, moving up ceremonies, and special achievements. A time of fellowship will follow. **Wear your best red and let's get all fired up on Pentecost together.**

Prayer For Graduates



May our graduates have the commitment to go into the world being led by God to see the gifts and achievements that God has given them. May they have the courage to have "impossible dreams" with the faith that they will become possible! May they also have the courage not to look back, confident that God will use them in mighty ways for the purpose to which they are called. As they go forth, may they put into practice the accumulated knowledge they have achieved with their feet firmly planted on the solid ground plowed by their families, friends, and teachers. May they reach heights beyond their present capabilities, following the leading of God, who gives faith, wisdom, understanding and blessings. And may they go knowing that nothing can separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Class of 2025
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people -and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

G3 FORCE YOUTH

GOD, GAMES & GRUB

**G3
UPDATES
&
NEWS**

**SUNDAYS
KID'S CHURCH - 9AM
6/1 SHOREBIRDS GAME**

END OF SCHOOL PARTY

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 5:30-7PM

We'll give thanks for a great year, eat tasty food, and play plenty of games! **Everyone in grades K-6th is invited!**

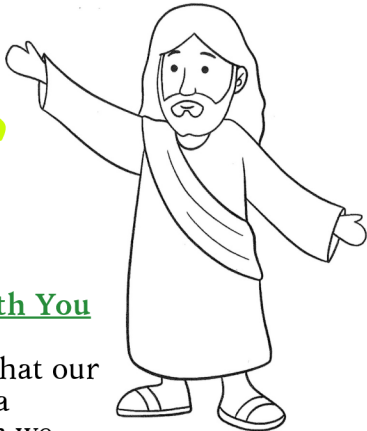
SUMMER G3 starting June 27th

We will meet Fridays from 9:30-11am throughout the summer for a mission focus- what can we do for God's children locally and around the world?

Older Youth

We will meet Sunday, June 1st and then pick what other day to meet in June.

**FLAT
JESUS**



Take Flat Jesus with You this Summer

As a fun reminder that our faith does not take a vacation (even when we do), God's children

of all ages are invited to **take Flat Jesus on their summer travels (or summer staycation)**. You can pick up your own Flat Jesus throughout the month of June at church. We will have some colored for you and some that need you to color. Take Jesus along with you wherever you go this summer. **Take a picture (or lots of pictures) with Flat Jesus spending your summer with you. Send your pictures to the church office or Susannah, so we can share with the congregation everywhere that Jesus goes with us this summer.**

send pictures to:
info@buckinghampcusa.org



MAGNIFY God! MAGNIFY God's Care! MAGNIFY God's Love!

MAGNIFIED!
PSALM 34:3

VBS
JULY 14-18
5:30-8PM

Discovering the bigness of God, in the smallest of things

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**STEVENSON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
123 N. MAIN ST. BERLIN, MD

**CHILDREN AGES
PRE-K THRU 5TH GRADE**
(CHILD MUST BE POTTY TRAINED)

**JOIN US AS WE
EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE
THRU:**

**FOOD & GAMES
STORIES & CRAFTS
SCIENCE & MORE**

HOSTED BY: STEVENSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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REGISTER

OH, MAGNIFY
THE LORD WITH ME
AND LET US EXALT
HIS NAME TOGETHER
PSALM 34:3

**G3 SUMMER
VOLUNTEERS**

Join the youth on a Friday mornings from 9:30-11am starting June 27th. Whether you want to provide a snack, play a game with us, lead a lesson or help with clean-up, we have a place for you. Just being present reminds the youth they are loved. 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.

nursery
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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 using the QR Code below.

The service is streamed into the nursery, so you can worship that way or join us at 11am.

Volunteer
Opportunities



MAGNIFY God's Forgiveness! MAGNIFY God's Faithfulness!

from the **DEACONS**

Many thanks to all those who have helped and continue to support the Deacons with our fund raising efforts. We have several events coming up please contact chair person Bob Arthur if you are able to assist. We will also need many volunteers for pie cutting and selling pies for the Peach Festival on August 2, 2025. Please contact Cathy Leyden if you can assist.



Kid's Sew – Sundays 10:30am-12pm

Sewing Mission – Wednesdays 5:30pm

All ages are welcome, items will be donated to local missions

Saturday Classes – June 7

10am-12pm - Bike Bags

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.



Congratulations to our very own youth who are Carson Scholars. Tucker Ashton is the 2025 Carson Scholar from Berlin Intermediate School. Claire Parker is the 2024 Carson Scholar from Berlin Intermediate School. They recently attended the Carson Scholar Banquet to receive their awards. Being named as a Carson Scholar means that both Tucker and Claire excel academically and spend their time giving back to their community. We are so proud of both of you!

Mission & Evangelism



Our next special offering will be taken up on Pentecost Sunday, June 08.

The Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support our youth to build the foundation for a life of faith.

- 40% is retained by our congregation to support work with at-risk children, youth and young adults in our local community.
- 50% supports PC-USA ministries with youth and young adults.
- 10% supports PC-USA child advocacy/children at risk.



Living Sent Ministries will be here June 12th 12:30-2:30pm

Please come and meet and/or welcome again Stephen and Kelly Smith to hear about their great missionary work in Guatemala. (As a reminder, these are the folks whom we work closely through Barbara Entwistle's Dressmaking Ministry.) All are invited!



GRACE CENTER FUNDRAISER

Please turn any filled bottles in by Sunday, June 15th. Thank you for your support of the Grace Center!

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Traditional Service 11am Communion Shorebirds Game	2	3 G3 5:30pm End of Year Party	4 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	5 Choir 5:30pm Bible Study 6pm	6	7 Sewing Seeds Class 10am-12pm
8 PENTECOST COMBINED SERVICE 10am Fellowship to follow	9 Share & Care 6:30pm	10 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Session 5pm	11 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	12 Living Sent Ministry 12:30-2:30 Choir 5:30pm Bible Study 6pm	13	14
15 Muffins for Mom Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Traditional Service 11am Happy Father's Day	16 Share & Care 6:30pm	17	18 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	19 Choir 5:30pm Bible Study 6pm	20	21
22 Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Traditional Service 11am	23 Share & Care 6:30pm	24	25 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	26 Choir 5:30pm Bible Study 6pm	27 G3 9:30-11am	28
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Fellowship Time Sundays between services
Sewing Seeds of Love Sun. at 10:30am Wed. at 5:30
Older Youth 1st and 3rd Sundays 10:15-10:45.
Holy Communion - 1st Sunday of every month
Gram Submissions - Due Sunday, June 22



June 1 ... Robert Bunting	June 10... Thomas Cropper
June 1 ... Charles Hendricks	June 10... Sophia Macrides
June 2 ... Paul Chambers	June 11... George Phillips
June 2 ... Kitt Matthews	June 14... Laura Truitt
June 2 ... Kristin Parker	June 16... Oliver Vocke
June 4 ... Alexander Gaddis	June 18... Richard Holland Sr.
June 5 ... Aubrey Tull	June 19... Jason Parker
June 8 ... Georgia Raffelt	June 20... Terry Ferguson
June 8 ... Kurt Marx	June 22... Bob Arthur
June 9 ... Jeremy Ashton	June 25... Emily David



June 10 ... Hugh & Jennifer Cropper
 June 11 ... Tom & Lynda Truitt
 June 24 ... John & Arline Curtis



ONLINE GIVING



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!

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



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tues, Wed, Thurs 11am-4pm

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

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