

# BUCKINGHAM GRAM

MARCH

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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



## WEEKLY SERVICES & PROGRAMS

|                 |                                            |         |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 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 |         |
| <b>Monday</b>   | Share & Care                               | 6:30pm  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | G3 Youth                                   | 5:30pm  |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Choir                                      | 5:30pm  |
|                 | Bible Study                                | 6:00pm  |

## TAKING THE SHEPHERD'S GUIDANCE THROUGH LENT

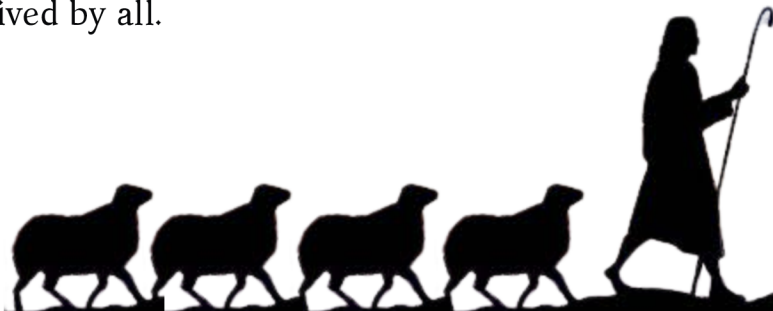
Dear BPC Friends - The season of Lent is upon us! Beginning on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**, and for the next several weeks to follow, we will be taking a journey together through the season of Lent as it leads us to Holy Week. Lent, when taken seriously, can be both a spiritually challenging time as well as a spiritually cleansing time as we prepare our hearts to again remember and celebrate the events of Jesus's passion and His subsequent resurrection.

Throughout Lent this year, we will be guided by one particular scripture that we all know and love: **Psalm 23**. Week by week, verse by verse, we will go deeply into this ancient prayer of trust and guidance for our Lenten walk. Together, we will learn to be guided by the Shepherd more closely - whether it's through green pastures, or beside still waters, or to abundant banquet tables, and even through the darkest valleys of life. In the end, we will proclaim once again our lives lived in the light of Jesus's resurrection, and the new life offered to all in Him.

We will take this journey both in Sunday services, as well as in our Thursday night Bible studies. No workbooks required - just a Bible and your prayerful thoughts on what it means to follow and give your life in trust to the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. I hope you will join us for services, studies, and various times of fellowship throughout the season. Then, of course, we will celebrate **Holy Week** starting with **Palm Sunday on April 13** with a combined service at 10 AM; special Holy Week services for **Maunday Thursday (with a pot luck of our favorite Spring-time foods) on April 17** at 6 o'clock in Taylor Hall, a quiet reflective **Good Friday service on April 18** at 6 o'clock in the chapel, and then of course **Easter Sunday morning** with services at 9 and 11 with our **Easter egg hunt in-between services**.

I so look forward to this special time in our faith lives together. Remember, Lent means "spring" - so let's enjoy the change of seasons both in the church and in the world around. Let's do so with prayers for the world: prayers for peace, prayers for compassion, prayers for empathy and prayers for Resurrection light and love to be shared and felt and lived by all.

Wishing you all the peace of the season,  
Pastor Mark



# G3FORCE

2/25-Follow the Star!

3/4-Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday

3/11-Sewing Seeds of Love Leading G3

3/18-Game Night!

3/25-Worship Prep

4/1-April Fool's Fun!

4/8-How will you escape?

4/15-Holy Week and Last Supper

4/22-Egg Boats

4/29-Surprise!

## Introducing Jr G3

**Jr G3 is for everyone in Kindergarten-2nd grade.**

They'll be gathering the 1st Tuesday of every month from 5:30-7pm starting on March 4!

Just like G3-they will have time for God, games, and grub every time they gather.

**March 4 - Mardi Gras & Ash Wednesday.**

**April 1 - April Fool's Fun!**

**May 6th - helping to make the free little library for Showell Elementary.**

**Kids' Church** meets 9am each Sunday for a hands on lesson to bring the Scripture of the week to life and Nursery Care is available each week during the 9am service for our youngest.

**Older Youth** meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 10:15-10:45. We explore Scripture and pray and have fun together. In March, we will meet on 3/2 and 3/16. In April, we'll meet on the 6th and hide eggs on the 20th!

Youth Led Worship will be on March 30th at 9am! Anyone who would like to participate in leading the service may talk with Pastor Mark or Pastor Susannah.

## Your Help is Always Needed and Greatly Appreciated!

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.

February has been a busy month for the youth. On February 14, Taylor Hall was filled with fun, dancing, laughter, and food. We celebrated love for each other with a family friendly dance. On February 17, 18 youth and adults went to HALO to serve lunch. Many smiles were shared along with a tasty lunch. We left the whole place looking very clean when we were done.



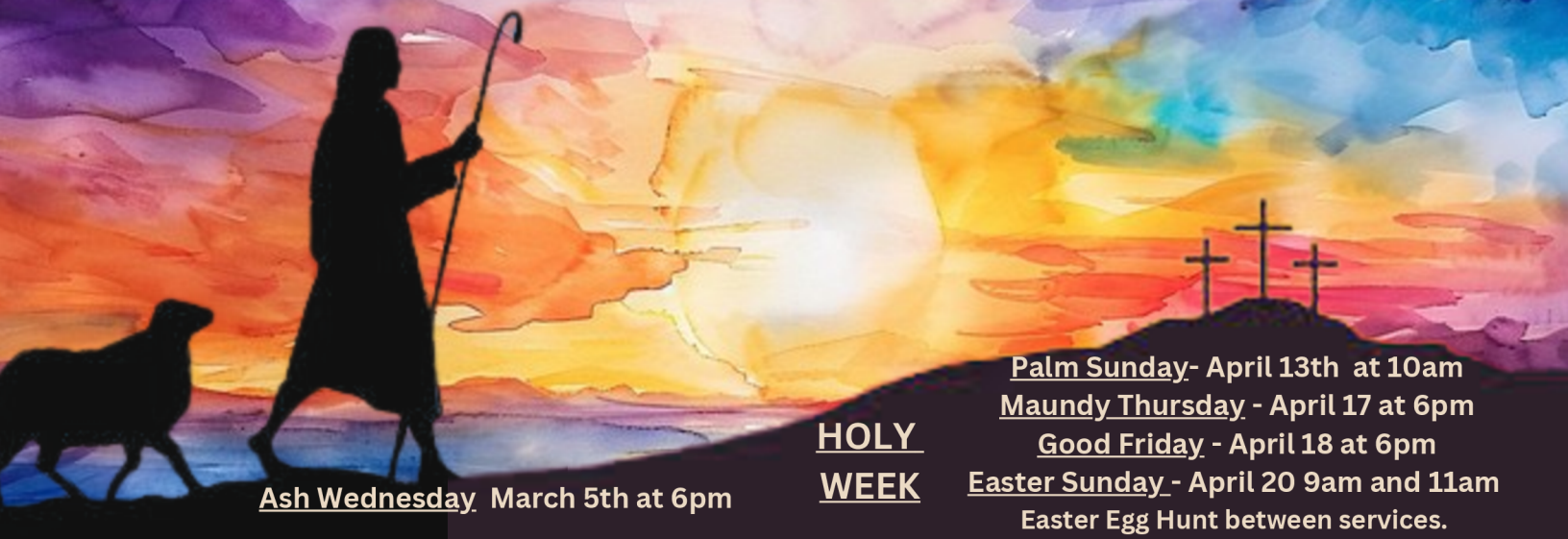
*You will be blessed*  
WHEN  
YOU COME IN  
AND .....  
*blessed when you go out*

*Deuteronomy 28:6*  
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# 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



Ash Wednesday March 5th at 6pm

HOLY  
WEEK

Palm Sunday- April 13th at 10am

Maundy Thursday - April 17 at 6pm

Good Friday - April 18 at 6pm

Easter Sunday - April 20 9am and 11am

Easter Egg Hunt between services.

## from the **DEACONS**

The Deacons held their first meeting for 2025 and are off to a great start! We have defined our goals for the year and everyone is excited! The Deacons not only provide assistance to the community but to our congregation as well. We are grateful God has provided us with this opportunity to serve. If you have a need please reach out to any Deacon. The Deacons are also thankful for the on going support of Deacons who may not be active this term but continue to offer support and embrace the motto "Once a Deacon always a Deacon".



So many great things are happening with the Sewing Seeds of love ministry!

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 –March 15th Shamrock Zip Pouch.

Classes are from 1-3pm and the cost is \$20 per person.

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.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the sub sale this year. Whether you volunteered or purchased items we are grateful for your part in the successful sale as it helped us raise over \$1900 for Mya Douglas and her family! THANK YOU !



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# 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.**

Around the world, including right here in the USA, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. 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.

Received during the season of Lent (March 5 – April 20), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. 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)

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

## PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

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

## SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

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

Envelopes for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be available on the tables during the season of Lent. In addition, our youth will be taking home the fish boxes to collect loose change during Lent as they learn more about the mission of this important offering. Please help support our neighbors in need!!



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

MARCH 5 – APRIL 20, 2025



**Per Capita:** Did you notice that the very first envelope in the offering boxes is a different size and color from the others? This envelope is for EACH confirmed member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to donate a designated dollar amount as a yearly, voluntary contribution.

This year, the Per Capita amount for 2025 is \$30 per member of which \$10.84 will go toward PC (USA); \$1.15 toward the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic; and the remaining \$18.01 toward New Castle Presbytery to fund the shared governing and mission of the greater PC USA church.

Buckingham Presbyterian Church is required to pay the designated Per Capita amount for each member we have on the rolls. By contributing your portion in the envelope provided, you will help free up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation in the greater Berlin community. Thank you to all who have already paid your share!

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!  
Please support One Great Hour of Sharing





# MARCH

| Sunday                                                                             | Monday                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Wednesday                   | Thursday                              | Friday | Saturday                          |
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|                                                                                    |                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                             |                                       |        | 1<br>CPR Training<br>9am          |
| 2<br>Contemporary<br>Service & Kid's<br>Church 9am<br>Traditional<br>Service 11am  | 3<br>Share & Care<br>6:30pm  | 4<br>Sewing Seeds 5pm<br>G3 & Jr. G3 5:30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5<br>Ash Wed Service<br>6pm | 6<br>Choir 5:30pm<br>Bible Study 6pm  | 7      | 8                                 |
| 9<br>Contemporary<br>Service & Kid's<br>Church 9am<br>Traditional<br>Service 11am  | 10<br>Share & Care<br>6:30pm | 11<br>Men's Breakfast<br>8:30am<br>Session 6pm<br>Sewing Seeds 5pm<br>G3 5:30pm                                                                                                                                                                         | 12                          | 13<br>Choir 5:30pm<br>Bible Study 6pm | 14     | 15<br>Sewing Seeds<br>Class 1-3pm |
| 16<br>Contemporary<br>Service & Kid's<br>Church 9am<br>Traditional<br>Service 11am | 17<br>Share & Care<br>6:30pm | 18<br>Sewing Seeds 5pm<br>G3 5:30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 19                          | 20<br>Choir 5:30pm<br>Bible Study 6pm | 21     | 22                                |
| 23<br>Contemporary<br>Service & Kid's<br>Church 9am<br>Traditional<br>Service 11am | 24<br>Share & Care<br>6:30pm | 25<br>Sewing Seeds 5pm<br>G3 5:30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 26                          | 27<br>Choir 5:30pm<br>Bible Study 6pm | 28     | 29                                |
| 30<br>5th Sunday<br>Kid-Led Worship<br>9am Service<br>Traditional Service<br>11am  | 31<br>Share & Care<br>6:30pm | Join us for Fellowship Time each Sunday between the two service<br>Sewing Seeds of Love Kids Sew is every Sunday at 10:30am<br>Older Youth meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 10:15-10:45.<br>Holy Communion - 1st Sunday of every month |                             |                                       |        |                                   |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



March 1 ... Lynda Truitt  
 March 2 ... Skylar Cook  
 March 2 ... Tammy Nickell  
 March 3 ... Drew Bergey  
 March 14 ..Christopher Bunting  
 March 18 ..Dorothy Simpson  
 March 18 ..Erin Trask  
 March 21 ..Wendy Macrides  
 March 22 ..Ella Gaddis  
 March 22 ..Scout Vocke  
 March 24 ..Victoria Harsh



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

March 15 ..Gil & Dorothy Simpson  
 March 17 .. John & Carol Fisher  
 March 20 .. Ed & Crystal Warren  
 March 28 .. Steve & Debbie Frene  
 March 31 .. Steve & Lois Davis

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](mailto:info@buckinghampcusa.org)  
 THANK YOU!

# **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.*