

BUCKINGHAM GRAM

SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Buckingham Family,

This Fall, Buckingham continues our journey forward in keeping with our 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.**

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we hold fast to His commandment: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37–39). This call to love guides us in every season — including times of transition.

Though our pastor has resolved his call, our mission remains steady. **We are strong, we are present, and we are moving forward together.** Just as the changing leaves remind us of God’s constant presence and the renewal that comes with each season, so too do we find assurance that Christ is with us now, leading us into what is next.

This September, there are many ways for us to live into our discipleship and strengthen our life together as a community of faith:

- **The Season of Peace** runs September 7 through World Communion Sunday on October 5. Alongside daily reflections, Session will sponsor a food collection for the Samaritan Shelter Food Pantry and our own Blessing Box.
- **The Thursday evening Adult Study Group** begins September 11, exploring the Ten Commandments in light of today’s world.
- **The G3 youth groups** will resume and are seeking volunteers to help with dinners and activities.
- **Sewing Seeds of Love** will launch new fall projects and prepare for Christmas.
- **The Deacons** will continue fundraising by parking cars for fall festivals, including the Fiddlers Convention.
- **The Youth Ministry Team** will host a “Fall Back to Church” multi-generational service event on September 28.
- Additional opportunities abound in **Fellowship, Nursery and Sunday School, worship leadership, choir**, and more.

We encourage each of you to find your place in ministry and to join in helping Buckingham grow in **love, service, and faith**. Together, we will continue to shine Christ’s light in our community.

We are Buckingham — and the light of the Lord will continue to shine through us.

Faithfully, Session!

from the **DEACONS**

A Special Note of update and thanks from Barbara Entwistle with the Dress Ministry regarding boxes sent to missionaries.

* Box 73 was delivered on July 16 with 18 hygiene kits, 1 case hospital bed pads, cold and cough liquid meds for children and adults, jump ropes, 50 bean bags, first aid packet with bandaids, antibacterial cream, sunburn lotion, insect repellent, Cost of \$150.00 **sponsored by Deacon's Fund Buckingham Presbyterian .**

* Box 74 was delivered on July 16 with 35 Christmas Bags, 6 large Nido Kinder1+, liquid cold meds for fever cough and cold. Cost of \$150.00 **sponsored by Dress Ministry members.**

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. 74 BOXES Xs \$150.00 IS A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT!

Four boxes are now ready to send in time for Christmas!! **If you are able to help this year with shipping the boxes, please reach out.**

The address is: 8453 CEDAR LANE RD
BERLIN, MD. 21811 - Checks can be made payable to Barbara Entwistle **ANY AMOUNT IS GLADLY APPRECIATED!**

PEACH PIE AVAILABLE. The Deacons have some frozen peach pies for sale. \$20 per pie - all proceeds go to helping the deacons serve the church and community. See any Deacon member or call the church office to purchase.



Words of Love

A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments

Eugenia Anne Gamble



FALL BOOK STUDY:

WORDS of LOVE:

A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments

All are welcome!

Thursday Evenings 6-7:30PM
beginning, September 11th.

Reserve your book today!!

Although we may not be able to recite them in perfect order, most of us know the Ten Commandments. Or do we? Are the Ten Commandments still relevant in a world of social media, AI, and evolving social norms?

In this unique Bible study discussion, we will discover that the Ten Commandments are words from the heart of God, given to reconcile creation to Creator and God's people to one another. Beneath the surface, they offer a profound invitation to healing and transformation. We will dive into each of the Ten Commandments and examine their application for modern-day Christians, going beyond the letter of the law to a spiritual truth, pointing us toward wholeness and well-being.

Join us for an open-minded discussion on how these ancient principles apply to our modern lives! We'll explore topics like:

- The ethics of online privacy and 'Thou Shalt Not Steal.'
- Combating misinformation in the age of 'Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness.'
- Finding balance in a digital world and 'Remember the Sabbath Day, to Keep It Holy.'
- "You shall have no other gods before me" and the drive for money, toys and modern-day idols.

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who donated so generously to the Texas Flood Relief Collection!!

Buckingham Presbyterian collected a total of \$ 1400 and forwarded it to the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country. So far, over \$100 million has been donated to help families rebuild, support small businesses and strengthen the communities' recovery. Emergency grants are being delivered to help local individuals and families, small businesses, reunification and crisis response efforts and first responders through trusted non-profits. Thank you so much for your generosity to those in need!!

KERR COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF FUND



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Session's Spirit

Session has been and will continue to be very busy over the next few months. We have received approval from Presbytery's Commission on Ministers and Congregations for the job description for a Transitional Minister. While we have Supply Ministers in place for the month of September, we hope to have a full time Transitional Minister joining us in October. From there, the work of another Mission Study can begin toward forming a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) whose work it will be to find the next full-time Pastor for Buckingham!

The Nominating Committee is currently working on a slate of candidates for Elders and Deacons to present to the Congregation in October.

The Building and Business Team has approved the new job description for Custodian and is currently working toward filling that position. They are also cleaning and revitalizing the manse in preparation for a potential new minister. In addition they continue to ensure that Buckingham's finances remain sound and that the bills are paid.

Look for what's happening with other committees elsewhere in the Gram!

Have any questions or concerns for Session? Please bring them to any member of Session including Clerk of Session Carol Neal. We welcome your feedback.

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

A Season of Peace

The Mission and Evangelism Team will be leading Buckingham Presbyterian in The Season of Peace.

Every fall, the Peace & Global Witness Offering extends an invitation to join people of faith from around the country and the world for A Season of Peace, a month-long pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families and individuals. This season is a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration and education that invites you to consider your own relationship to peacemaking and justice. This year's Path of Peace offers vignettes of Presbyterians and organizations that contributed to the civic and spiritual well-being of our church and world and made a significant impact on the common good here or abroad. Each offers us an example of how peace can be pursued in tangible ways. Our hope is that these reflections will spur personal spiritual and moral growth that moves us all to work together along the path of peace for the well-being of all of God's beloved Creation.

Printed Daily devotions are available to be picked up on Sundays beginning, September 07. If you'd like a copy of the devotions emailed to you, please contact the church office.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be taken on Sunday, October 05, 2025, which is World Communion Sunday.



Men, we'd love for you to join us for our next Men's Breakfast at Rayne's Reef!



G3 IS BACK!

G3 is our youth gathering for those in grades 3rd-6th grade.

We meet each Tuesday evening from 5:30-7pm. Each week, we spend time eating (grub), having fun (games), and growing in our faith (God).

In September, G3 will meet on Sept 9, Sept 16, Sept 23, & Sept 30.

Older Youth

Jr High & High School Youth will begin regularly meeting again on **Sunday, September 21st from 10:15-10:45.**

Our focus for the Fall will be stories of Jesus.

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Sundays between services!

Junior G3

for grades K-2nd will be back for our monthly gathering on the first Tuesday of the month beginning on October 7!

The Youth Ministry Team invites you to **Fall Back to Church on Sunday, September 28!** More details coming soon. You will want to be at church as we give thanks to God for a great year and look ahead to what God is leading us to do and share next!

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

The youth of Buckingham Presbyterian Church went to Ronald McDonald House to serve dinner in the Summer of 2024 and before they left Baltimore were already planning their trip for 2025!

On July 30th, 8 youth and 5 adults prepared a delicious home cooked dinner and led an hour of activities for the residents of Ronald McDonald House. And this year, they added on serving a hot breakfast the following morning too. This year's dinner menu included chicken, corn on the cob, fruit skewers, mac and cheese, baked beans, rolls, veggies and dip, cookies, and brownies. After dinner the youth led a fun-filled Activity Hour for the children staying at the house. A highlight of the trip was the tour we received of the whole house including the rooftop! The next morning, we got up and made eggs and bacon which we served with more fruit, cereal, yogurt, pop-tarts, and drinks. We ended the trip with a couple of hours at the Science Center before returning home with plans for how we'll share God's love here in Berlin until our next summer trip. The youth are so grateful for the support of so many people here at Buckingham who donated food, cooked chicken, prayed for us, and asked about the trip. The youth also received support from Mountaire Farms (donated chicken), Cross Farms (donated cucumbers and corn), and New Castle Presbytery (financial donation).



Believe in Tomorrow.

Kolten, Colton and AJ volunteered at believe in tomorrow right in Ocean City! They enjoyed helping during craft hour which included painting sea shells, doing tattoos and golf!



This month we will begin packing bags again for students at OC Elementary.

Anyone who is available to help is welcome to join us on the **2nd Sunday of every month, between services.**

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Share & Care 6:30pm	2 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	3	4 Choir 5:30pm	5	6
7 COMBINED SERVICE 10am	8 Share & Care 6:30pm	9 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Sewing Seeds 5:30pm G3 5:30-7pm	10	11 Book Study 6-7:30pm Choir 5:30pm	12	13
14 Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Backpack Ministry Traditional Service 11am	15 Share & Care 6:30pm	16 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm G3 5:30-7pm	17 Session 5pm	18 Book Study 6-7:30pm Choir 5:30pm	19	20
21 Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Traditional Service 11am	22 Share & Care 6:30pm	23 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm G3 5:30-7pm	24	25 Book Study 6-7:30pm Choir 5:30pm	26	27
FALL BACK TO CHURCH 28 Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Deacons Mtg 10am Traditional Service 11am	29 Share & Care 6:30pm	30 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm G3 5:30-7pm				



Sept 2...Ronald Hall
 Sept 7...Holly Bunting
 Sept 10...Charles Herpen
 Sept 10...Susan Todd
 Sept 13...Kaye Gubosh
 Sept 17...Steve Davis
 Sept 18...Jessica Bunting

Sept 20... Gloria Gubosh
 Sept 21...Evan Cook
 Sept 21...Anne Hastings
 Sept 23...Mack Ashton
 Sept 23...Bailey Warren
 Sept 25...Arline Curtis
 Sept 26...Tracy Trask

Sept 6 ... Jerry & Michelle Woroniecki
 Sept 7 ... Timothy & Emily Vocke
 Sept 22...Jeremy & Victoria Harsh
 Sept 27...Ethan & Anne Marie Cook
 Sept 27...Paul & Debi Cook

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@buckinghampcus
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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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