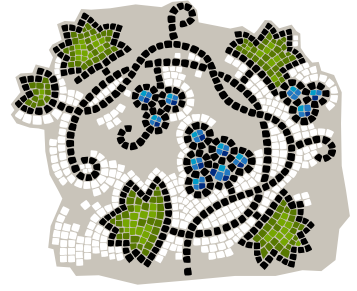


# GraceVine



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## Cornell BBQ Chicken Dinners are Back!

We are resuming our BBQ chicken dinners starting Friday, October 22. We will begin serving at 4:00 pm and serve until we run out. The cost is \$12.00 for an individual dinner that includes, chicken, salt potatoes, beans, a roll and butter. Cookies are being offered for an additional donation.

Proceeds from this event help support all our various missions. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you and come and support our Church!



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**10:00 am Worship Service**

**11:00 am Fellowship**

*Sharing God's Love through Fellowship, Ministry and Worship*

**Newsletter deadline is the 20th of every month.** Items may be sent to Editor, LeeAnn Burt: [leeinkc@hotmail.com](mailto:leeinkc@hotmail.com) or deposited in the GraceVine mail slot in the office.

## Pastor's Corner



### As the Season Approaches ...

The first Sunday in October (October 3 this year) has two foci in our church. The day is World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday began in 1933 as World-Wide Communion Sunday. The celebration was the idea of the Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, PA. He and his congregation wanted to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

On that same Sunday, our annual Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received. From our denomination's resources we read, "On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table, in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God, with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. Through participation in this special offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our sisters and brothers in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world." Let us be reminded that 25% of the offering stays with our congregation for us to use however we see fit to put it to use in peacemaking efforts.

On Wednesday, October 20 Wednesday Night Connection begins. The delicious meal is served from 6.00 - 6.30 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 for the meal (with a maximum donation of \$15.00 for an entire family). The event will be a wonderful way to meet new people and to fellowship with old friends. I hope we will consider getting our food and then choosing a table with people whom we do not know. How 'bout it? Following dinner I get to do something which I love ... teach a class.

I have an idea of how we will begin our series of classes this season, but it is not firm yet. I will let you know as soon as my plans come together.

The Lord be with you ...

Subscribe to the Buckingham Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers YouTube Page which livestreams Sunday Worship:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE\\_FSoWbzh2LHpIT\\_DDVRTw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE_FSoWbzh2LHpIT_DDVRTw/videos)



*Names will remain on the prayer list for one month, unless requested for longer. Please call the church office 239-694-2444 if you wish to add or delete a name.*

Military Overseas & Home  
All 1st Responders  
All Educators  
Pastor, Church & Officers  
Dawn Hart Brach  
Paul & Betty Carlisle  
Pat & Dave Farmer  
Leslie Fox  
Joe Garcia  
Mark Harris  
Larry Ickes  
David Smith  
DJ Smith



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10-2 KATHY ORRIS  
10-10 IAN MICHEL

10-22 CYNDEE SUCH  
10-25 MICHAEL HINTZ  
10-27 KATHY ARNOLD  
10-30 DAVE SUNDBY  
10-30 PAT FARMER  
10-31 JOANNE LOSE

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10-8 MIKE & MARY NOLEN  
10-9 JAMIE & CAROL JAMESON

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 10 following Church. We will be voting to amend the by-laws of the Church to add 3 more Elders to the Session, bringing the total from 9 to 12. We will then elect the new officers.



## THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Dear God,  
As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;  
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me  
for the wrong things I do.  
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;  
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

I'm so sorry for turning up my nose  
to all You've given me.  
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.  
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near.  
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do!  
(Place a candle inside and light it)

Amen

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# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:00 Worship World Communion Peace & Global Witness Offering	4	5	6 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice	7 9:00 Labor & Landscapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff 5:00 Choir	8	9
10 10:00 Worship Congregational Meeting Pastor Appreciation Day	11 Columbus Day	12	13 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice	14 9:00 Labor & Landscapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff 5:00 Choir	15	16 World Food Day
17 10:00 Worship & Fellowship	18	19 GraceVine Deadline is October 20	20 9:30 -11:00 Renew & Rejoice 6 00 Wed. Night Connection	21 9:00 Landscapers 9:00 Stitch 'N Stuff 5:00 Choir 7:00 Session	22 4:00 Cornell Chicken BBQ	23
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**Sunday, October 10** - Congregational Meeting following Worship

**Sunday, October 10** - Pastor Appreciation - Tim's favorite - Carrot Cake

**Wednesday, October 20** - 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Connection

**Friday, October 22** - 4:00 pm Cornell BBQ Chicken Dinner

**Wednesday, October 27**—6:00 pm Wednesday Night Connection

**Sunday, December 12** - *A Very Thankful Christmas Brunch* following Worship. The Church will provide the entrée, please bring your favorite dish to share.



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## BLANKETS BLANKETS BLANKETS

As many of you may remember, October is Blanket month at BPC. The Rejoice & Renew Group of women meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 am and we promote the blanket program for the Salvation Army of Fort Myers. All blankets are received by the homeless or needy. None are sold in their thrift stores.

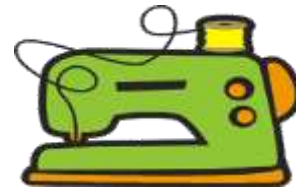
Last year we donated approximately 80 blankets including quite a few from Stitch N' Stuff.

Please bring your gently used blankets, buy a new blanket or donate money for us to buy blankets. We have found a place to purchase blankets which are reasonable (\$11.50 for 2) with no shipping cost or sales tax.

Please bring your blankets to the church narthex – or – mark your donation for blankets in a separate offering. We will be collecting blankets until the end of October.



While Misión Peniel is still not accepting clothing, the following is a list of their needs at this time: baby diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors. Their food needs are rice, beans, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, dry cereal and oatmeal. You may drop these items off in the church narthex.



## Stitch N' Stuff

Serving is an active deed of love. The act of serving moves the hearts of others and offers comfort. The Bible tells us that God remembers our serving toward others and will reward us. Thus, the relationship between God and ourselves becomes deeper through serving others.

Please come join us as it warms your heart to do for others.

We meet each Thursday from 9:00 am until noon. Call Betty Carlisle if you have any questions 239-728-1101.

“Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” John Wesley (1703-1791)



## Peace and Global Offering

This offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around both the corner and the world. It helps to confront hopelessness, thwart division and empower congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves. Offering will begin October 3.

### Session Members

#### Class of 2021

Mary Edmonds  
Bob Peterman

#### Class of 2022

Margaret Elyard  
John Jones  
Roy Lipsett

#### Class of 2023

Rodney Burt  
Mike Larranaga  
Kathie Saum

Vicki McWhorter,  
Session Clerk

### MEMBERSHIP AT BPC

Are you interested in becoming a member of Buckingham Presbyterian Church?

Please notify Pastor Tim and he will meet with you to discuss.

**NEXT  
STEPS**

### LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE AT BPC?

We are always looking for additional members for our committees to contribute to many tasks. If you are interested, please reach out to any Session Member and they can help you determine your best fit based on your interests, talents, gifts and abilities.

