

Bryson City Presbyterian Church

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“Catch the Wind”

From My Heart to Yours...

This spring we have been through 40 days of Lent and spiritual reflection. We have shared meals and devotions on Wednesday nights together and had lunch with our Bryson City community during Holy Week. We listened to a moving cantata on Palm Sunday and remembered Jesus' journey to the cross on Holy Thursday. Easter Sunday we celebrated with our youth led worship and pancakes and egg hunt and more worship and singing and JOY filled our house!

I want to thank everyone who helped create our Easter experience from Rev. Rachel Lackey and our choir, to our youth's gifts of drama and art and Kaleb's butterflies, to Patti and Harold who keep our yard pretty and the Presbyterian Women who prepared and served our Holy Week lunch, to Beth Brannon who took care of congregational needs and Amanda Caldwell who organized our egg hunt, to Sue Jordan who placed flowers in the sanctuary and the Robison family who gave us the beautiful wood cross for Easter flowers in honor of Craig, their grandson, and anyone else I have forgotten to mention. *I thank my God for you!*

Now that Easter Day is over, what do we do? Let's go sailing!

One of the symbols of the first Christians was a boat as a symbol of the church. In Jesus' day there was only two ways to power a boat on open water. One was to use your muscles and *row your boat* and one was to use the power of the wind. When the early Christians used a boat as a symbol of the church, it was always a sailboat. That is because on the Day of Pentecost, *“with a sound like the rush of a mighty wind”* (Acts 2:1) Jesus' promise of power became a reality and drew those who believed in him into a different way of living. Church is a God-powered, God-led, God-resourced adventure!* Let's go sailing!

In the month of May we will sail through the Old Testament Book of Exodus in our Wednesday morning Bible Study and the un-familiar Apocrypha in the adult Sunday school class. And we will sail through the Book of Acts in worship and hear about what happened to Jesus' disciples after Easter Day- people like Paul and Tabitha and Peter and Lydia.

Remember: *He lives; He lives; Christ Jesus lives today!* Easter Day is not over. It is just beginning, so let's go sailing!

Pastor Terry

([Sailboat Church](#), Joan S. Gray, *Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice*, Chapter One, p. 1)



Wednesday, May 8th
12 noon - 2 pm

Blue Plate Special
Fundraiser for
The Giving Spoon

Wednesday, May 15th
4 - 6 pm

Sweet Thoughts to
Sweet Dreams
Celebration Picnic

Food & Live Music!



Saturday, May 18th
9 am - until...

Church Work Day!
(Sign-up sheets on
Volunteer board)

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MAY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 - 1:00 Manna Pop Up Mkt	2 8 am Men's Breakfast 4-6pm Giving Spoon	3 Erik Stavrand	4
5	6	7	8 11:00 Bible Study 12-2 pm Blue Plate Special Fundraiser for Giving Spoon Susan Nevers	9 8 am Men's Breakfast 1 pm Lois Circle 4-6pm Giving Spoon Carol Schadden	10	11 Derek & Jennifer Oetting (A)
12	13	14	15 11:00 Bible Study 4-6 pm Sweet Dreams Picnic at Sweet Thoughts House	16 8 am Men's Breakfast 4-6pm Giving Spoon Carol Okerlin	17	18 9 am - ??? Church Work Day
19	20	21	22 11: 00 Bible Study Zachary Cline Sahara Wiggins	23 8 am Men's Breakfast 4-6pm Giving Spoon	24	25
26 Guest Preacher Mark Tisdale Roy Hall	27 Session Members 6 pm Session Meets Office Closed Memorial Day	28 Jennifer Oetting	29 11: 00 Bible Study	30 8 am Men's Breakfast 4-6pm Giving Spoon Scott & Jessica Cline (A) Anita Brintnall	31 BCPC's turn in Food Pantry 	