

Deep Common Journey Partners

Partnership with an organization in mission toward learning to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Please visit Blacknall's website for more information.

CONGO INITIATIVE

Please pray for Emily & Kyle Hamilton as they return to the states on furlough in November, and for discernment about a more permanent return to the US or recommitting to life and work in DRC.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Thanks to all who hosted international students at their Thanksgiving tables this past week!

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD (FORMERLY IHN)

In preparation for our Advent service nights of December 11 & 12, FMF will be collecting household and personal items to be used by residents of FMF. Please bring these items to the lower atrium Barrel of Joy during church on December 3 and 10. We are still in need a few volunteers for our nights of service; if you are available contact Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com).

Cub Scout Leaders – Families Moving Forward is excited about an opportunity to bring a Cub Scout troop to the young boys living at the FMF House and are looking for volunteers and primary leaders. If you are interested, please contact: Rachel Taylor, Child Services Coordinator (Rachel@fmfnc.org).

REALITY MINISTRIES

The Reality Forum – Saturday, January 20. *What is Reality?* Together we will consider how knowing the reality of God's grace rooted in the love of the Holy Trinity influences how we view ourselves, our neighbors, and every single person. For information and registration, go to www.realityministriesinc.org

Finance

Year-end Financial Information

Additional income needed by December 31, 2016
to meet our budget obligations: \$339,080

One aspect of being Christ's disciples is entering into the joy of His ministry on every level, including providing financially for the mission of the church. As we enter the Advent season and near the end of the calendar year on December 31, we encourage Blacknall members and friends to review your 2017 giving records to make sure you've given as you've intended. Although Blacknall now follows a fiscal year budget that begins in July and ends in June, we still typically receive the largest share of offerings at the end of the calendar year and these end-of-year offerings are essential for us to meet our fiscal year budget.

We rejoice in the Lord's generosity to our church family and thank you in advance for participating in our mission.

The finance summary above differs from our usual format. The income total is updated each week and shows the total additional offering needed to meet budget for the end of the calendar year. The traditional summary (shown below) is updated at the close of each month with the actual offerings received compared to budget need as of the stated month. Please direct any questions to Joe Bohn (joebohn@gmail.com) or financial administrator Carol Smith (csmith@blacknall.org).

July 1 through October 31, 2017

Actual offerings: \$359,918

Offering need: \$456,026

Ahead/(behind): (\$96,108)

There are multiple ways to give to Blacknall:

- Cash or check in the offering plate or brought to the church office.
- Checks mailed to the church office.
- Automatic bank drafts as a part of bill pay directed to Blacknall using your local bank.
- Gifts of stock. Contact Rick Every for more information about how to transfer stock to Blacknall (919-489-9733; REvery18@aol.com).
- Online giving is available from our website (including ACH, debit card, and credit card donations). Members can also schedule recurring online gifts when signed on to CCB.
- Details on all giving options available at <http://blacknall.org/giving>



BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 26, 2017

Songs of Adoration

“Now Thank We All Our God”

“There is Joy in the Lord”

Invocation

“10,000 Reasons”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

“Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty”

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit; the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or attend regularly, we hope you will find the rich presence of God, the warmth of genuine fellowship, and the abiding truth of the Word.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Tomlinson family.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones and pagers during the service. Hearing assistance units are available, please speak to one of the deacons.



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Blacknall is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Fellowship Community.

The Word & the Sacrament

Proclamation of the Word: Philippians 4 *Allan Poole*
(Pew Bible page 1181)

Song of Response: “My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness”

The Bread and the Cup *Gluten-free elements by piano*

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Teams: Betty & Rudy Renfer (8:30)
Carmen & Sean Garrigan (11)

About the Music

In what ways do you typically express thanks? In a bygone era, pen was applied to paper for something called a “letter” (Paul didn’t tweet the Philippians!) – today, email or text that says “thx” is often the norm (and often the extent). How should we communicate thanks to the Lord? Listen to the language of the songs for today – all call us to express ourselves verbally and by actions. One way that we verbally express our thankfulness is by sharing with one another about His goodness on our behalf (“the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures to all generations;” “Who wondrous things has done”). I encourage you to seek to have such a conversation this morning – as Paul tells his friends the Philippians, we are “partners in the gospel”. Out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks, and the life is lived. May our hearts be filled with thankfulness and hope, for here is truth:

*I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine –
God’s perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God’s eyes.
This river’s depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood:
The Lord Most High has bowed down low and poured on me His glorious love,
And poured on me His glorious love!*

And here is our response to that truth:

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church is called to glorify the
Triune God, to make known the crucified and risen Christ, and to
advance the Kingdom that God is building in us, in Durham,
and around the world.*

Our Life Together

Thanksgiving & Prayer Requests

We rejoice with Bethany & Noé Kasall in the birth of their daughter Lydia on November 16.

Pray for Jan Smart, in the death of her husband Jennings Bryant “J.B.” Smart on November 14; and for Anne & Dean Storelli in the death of Anne’s mother Agnes McIsaac on November 11.

Pray for Blacknall missionaries Craig & Rachel Frey, affiliated with New Mission Systems International (NMSI). Craig is currently enrolled in the University of Florida, with a full course load concerned with crop pests. Rachel is providing media services for over 200 NMSI missionaries. Rachel writes: “Florida has proven to operate very differently from the kid’s previous audiological & otolaryngological care at UNC. Pray for God to be gracious in meeting the needs [of] Asher and Adah Joy [as] both continue to have [difficulties] with their hearing.” Other prayer requests: 1) thanksgiving that there was no rioting at the speech given by the white nationalist on the University of Florida campus; 2) the development of good relationships with the members of the church group that meets in their home; 3) skill in managing her time well in providing media services for missionaries; 4) patience and wisdom in bringing up their children in the Lord.

Church Programs & Events

Tonight – Advent in the Home: Developing Family Traditions 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. A panel of Blacknallites will speak about simple Advent traditions they have incorporated into their own family life, followed by a time of discussion. Bring your family and a topping for baked potatoes. A coloring activity and childcare workers will be in the back of the room after dinner.

Simple Supper & Prayers for Outreach – Sunday, December 3, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a simple supper followed by prayer for our partners in mission in Durham, on campus, in Congo, and around the world. Please note we are meeting the first Sunday this month instead of the second Sunday due to Carols and Cocoa on December 10.

Children’s Ministry

Children’s & Junior Church – A continuation of the worship service in their own space is offered for children after the Children’s Blessing. Children’s Church is for 4 and 5 year olds in Room 105, and Junior Church is for 1st and 2nd graders in Room 112. After the 8:30 service, please pick up your children

and prepare them for Sunday school (i.e. bathroom break!) before taking them to their classes. After the 11 service, please pick up your children promptly.

Youth Ministry

Middle School & High School BYG Time will not meet tonight. Join us next week on Sunday, December 3, at 5 p.m. for the youth Christmas Party! Contact: Brad Turnage (bturnage@blacknall.org).

Advent & Christmas

Advent Wreath Making – Sunday, December 3, 4-6 p.m. in the Community Room. Join us at the workshop and shape a beautiful wreath out of greenery. \$12 per kit. Please bring something to transport your finished wreath. Clippers and greenery cuttings are helpful, too. Sign up for a one-hour shift by contacting Margaret Frothingham (mfrothingham@blacknall.org).

Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 3, 8:30 & 11 a.m. worship services. Our annual celebration with a chamber orchestra, gorgeous choral singing and lots of congregational participation, all built around selected Scripture readings. Regularly scheduled children’s programs and nursery provided. Invite a friend!

Carols & Cocoa – Sunday, December 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. A Christmas songfest with cocoa and cookies. The whole family is welcome! Childcare not provided.

Worship on the Longest Night – Sunday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Feeling out of step with the joy of Christmas? Come to this contemplative service that points to hope in the midst of difficulty. Childcare infants-2nd grade.

Christmas Eve Services – Sunday, December 24, 11 a.m., 5 and 7:30 p.m. Join us for bells, candles, carols and communion. Consider inviting a friend along. Please note there is no 8:30 a.m. worship service or Sunday School. Regularly scheduled children’s programs and nursery provided at the 11 a.m. service, and childcare provided at the 5 p.m. service.

New Year’s Eve Service – Sunday, December 31, 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Please note there is no 8:30 a.m. worship service or Sunday School. Regularly scheduled children’s programs and nursery provided

Announcements

Baking for the holidays? Please consider bringing cookies to share with everyone for Carols and Cocoa, our annual sing-along evening. Label them “For Carols and Cocoa” and bring in a disposable container to the church kitchen on Sunday morning, December 10 (platters will be made up that afternoon). Any amount is helpful! Contact: Beth Solie (bsolie@blacknall.org).

Advent begins in one week! Each Sunday we will light candles and read Scripture—would you or your household like to help with this? There are numerous readings for our Service of Lessons & Carols (December 3)—would you like to read? Please speak to Dave Stuntz today! I’m especially looking for some non-English readings!