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January 2019 At A Glance

- 1st: Office closed for holiday
- 6th: LCCM canned food collection
- 13th: Session / PWCT /
Communion & Cents-Ability
- 14th: Night Circle
- 15th: Morning Circle
- 16th: Men of Church
- 20th: Annual Congregational meeting
- 22nd: Office closed for holiday
- 25-26: Presbytery @ Trinity PC, Florence
- 27th: Family Night Supper

Church Office Closed for holiday
January 1st & January 22nd

February 2019 At A Glance

- 3rd: LCCM / Souperbowll offering
- 10th: Session / Kids Valentine supper
- 17th: PWCT
- 18th: Night Circle
- 19th: Morning Circle
- 20th: Men of Church

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship & Coffee - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4 pm

Adult Choir - Thursday's @ 5:30 p.m.

Business Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Mon., Tues., & Thurs.)

Key Officers and Staff

Charlie Ipock, Clerk of Session
Gregg McCutchen III, Assistant Clerk of Session
Jerry Adams, Church Treasurer
Billy Clyburn, Assistant Treasurer
Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer, Office Manager
Rev. Christopher Parnell, Pastor

January



JANUARY

Bishopville Presbyterian Church

January Elders-On-Call:

**Perry McCutchen & Aaron Easters*

- Tuesday, 1st:** Church office closed for holiday
- Sunday, 6th:** LCCM food gifts
Coffee: Martha & Leon Hunt & Laura Parnell
Flowers: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen family
- Sunday, 13th:** Baptism of the LORD
8:00 a.m. Stated Session
9:00 a.m. PWCT
11:00 a.m. Communion & Cents-Ability offering
Coffee: Cindy Welsh / Kerry & Steven Frazier
- Monday, 14th:** 7:00 p.m. Night Circle (Betsy Bramlett)
- Tuesday, 16th:** 10:00 a.m. Morning Circle (Louise McCutchen)
- Wednesday, 17th:** 7:00 p.m. Men of Church
- Sunday, 20th:** 11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
Coffee: Aaron & Kim Easters
Flowers: Carol Latimer Finethy
- Tuesday, 22nd:** Church office closed for holiday
- 25th - 26th:** Presbytery meeting @ Trinity PC, Florence
- Sunday, 27th:** 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
Coffee: Jennifer & Perry McCutchen
Flowers: Virginia & Charlie Ipock
- 91st Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic meeting: January 25-26th at Trinity PC, Florence**
Charlie Ipock to be ordained as an EPC Teaching Elder @ Presbytery meeting



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OPEN Flower Calendar
2019: January 13th, February 3rd & 24th
March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st
Please contact the Church office if you would like to reserve one of these dates

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request, through office



LCCM January Collection
~ GRITS ~

Don't forget to bring extra canned items to Church on Sunday, January 6th for our monthly Altar collection





Being the end of 2018 and beginning of 2019, I took a little bit of time to go back over the messages I've been preaching these past few years. I noticed some trends: In 2015, most of my messages were from John's Gospel; in 2016, they came from the Revelation. In 2017, I bounced back & forth between the Old & New Testaments, focusing a lot on Paul's writings and the Minor Prophets; and in 2018, I ended up preaching a lot of "1sts"—you know, 1st Peter, 1st John, 1st Thessalonians. So, I looked at these messages and I wondered from where do we go now? Where should I begin in 2019?

Well, there are a few issues to consider. One, only a mere **16 weeks** into 2019—and Easter happens! It's hard to think about, but the span between Christmas & Easter is relatively short, and I want to make the best of this "between-events" part of the year. Two, I've been dealing with a real sense of conviction that what I need most to work on as your minister is **discipleship**. The story of our faith is always one of discipleship, from the teaching & mentoring both commanded in Deuteronomy and exhibited between Moses & Joshua, to the 12, 150, & thousands that make up the church in Acts. Three, I think there's nothing better to start off the year than to jump (again) into the story of Jesus, **the Gospel**.

So where could I go to find something that would last 16 weeks, give me a good foundation to think about, learn & preach discipleship, and would be filled with the story of Jesus? Problem, meet your solution: **The Gospel of Saint Mark!**

At 16 chapters, Mark's is the shortest story about Jesus' ministry. It doesn't include Christmas, it hardly mentions Easter (*the Resurrection*), and throughout the book Jesus seems to be constantly running. A teacher of mine (*a Mark himself*) once quipped that, in Mark's story, Jesus seems to be an arrow flying through the air towards "the straight & sure bullseye of the Cross." I love that quote. Though it doesn't say so itself, the Church has, for 1000s of years, understood this little book to be Peter's own story, told to his friend Mark. This is the same Mark who deserted Paul in Acts and had Barnabas stand up for him when he repented, and possibly even the "youth" who fled naked from Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested.

In terms of the "story" itself, Mark's Gospel is a bit different from the others. Matthew wants to connect Jesus' story to the Old Testament. Luke wants to show how Jesus connected with Gentiles, women & children (*the "little people"*). John wants to connect Jesus to His Divine Nature—very God of very God, and so forth. For Mark, though, it's hard to see that goal, that connection. In his Gospel, Jesus seems to be "**Messiah incognito**"—the unrecognized Son of God. The crowds, the religious leaders, even his own disciples all misunderstand Jesus, all fail to fully connect with him. Only the devils (*and Mark is full of exorcisms*) and a Roman centurion seem to fully realize who they're dealing with. Maybe this is why Jesus seems to be in such a hurry (*he's "immediately" doing everything & going everywhere*) in Mark's Gospel—he's got to get to the place where he can fix all these broken connections!

So you & I might say that Mark wants to connect people who don't understand with the One they need most to understand, the One whose connection they need most. Mark wants to connect Jesus to you & me! Like us, Mark is a "next generation" disciple—he was taught by people who learned it before him. And, like us, Mark is a "**next generation+**" disciple-maker—he uses his gifts, his resources, his time & talents to teach the people who come after him.

In light of where we're going, I want to challenge all of us: Let's take these 16 weeks between now & Easter, and let's do something special with them. (1) Let's all **commit to read Mark's Gospel**, and not just to read it, but to study it deeply, 1 chapter in 1 week, between now & Easter. (2) Let's all **commit to discipleship**; to find somebody and study Mark together with them. Let's connect with each other, or with people in the community around us, in our families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, or whatever spheres of influence we have. Let's invite somebody to be a part of our learning together what Mark has to say, not just to the Church as a whole, but to each & every one of us.

To help make these 2 things happen, my Sunday afternoon Bible study will focus on Mark's Gospel, and I'm going to commit to bringing us all the resources I can put my hands on that will help us learn, study, & grow in our own discipleship & disciple-making. Please keep me in your prayers, as these are exciting waters we're jumping into together, and I'll keep you all in mine.

God bless you all! - Pastor Chris

January Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



6th:

13th:

20th:

27th:

The Beginning

Immediate Ministry

Easier Work

Lord of Rest

Mark 1:1-11

Mark 1:21-31

Mark 2:1-17

Mark 2:23-28

News from the Session...

The Session met on December 9th and elected new 2019 Officers/Chairs:

- ♦ Clerk: Charlie Ipock
- ♦ Assistant Clerk: Gregg McCutchen III
- ♦ Treasurer: Jerry Adams
- ♦ Assistant Treasurer: Billy Clyburn
- ♦ Worship Chair: Wendy Welch
- ♦ Christian Ed. Chair: Aaron Easters
- ♦ Witness Chairs: Steven Frazier & Bert Cousar

Our annual congregational meeting has been set for January 20th to report the 2018 statistics, and to approve the 2019 budget & Pastors Terms of Call

I have enjoyed serving on the Session. I rotated off at the end of December and I would like to thank the men and women I have served with. I pray for each one of you as you continue to do God's work.

I hope everyone has a very Blessed & Happy New Year!

Please share your joys and concerns with the Session members throughout the year. The Session is called to serve the congregation in all that they say and do.

In Christ, Matt Bramlett

Next Session Meeting: January 13th @ 8:00 a.m.

JANUARY ELDERS-ON-CALL

***Perry McCutchen & Aaron Easters**
*denotes Session prayer/devotion responsibilities

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting for January 20th** for the purpose of; reporting the 2018 statistics and financial records, presenting the 2019 budget and Pastor's Terms of Call, for approval



HOLY COMMUNION

Communion January 13th

Communion is gladly served in the homes of those who can't attend Church. Please

contact an elder or the pastor for extended services
Elders in charge: Steven Welsh & Perry McCutchen

Bible Study & Prayer Group

Women's Prayer Group: Wednesday's @ 4:00 pm

Adult Bible Study: Sundays @ 5:30 pm

Church Office Closed: January 1st & 22nd

December 2018 Statistics

Average Attendance: SS - 36 Worship - 73

Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)

MTD Income received:	\$29,816.10
YTD Income received:	\$190,695.60
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$218,216.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$21,993.57
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$202,022.00
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$218,216.00

Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)

MTD Income received:	\$3,170.00
YTD Income received:	\$13,810.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$3,742.96

Circle Hostesses for January

Night (14th) Betsy Bramlett
Morning (15th) Louise McCutchen

*Note: Morning Circle traveling to Laura Latimer's @ 9:15 am

Souperbowl Sunday February 3rd

We will collect offering to help support the LCCM.
Please mark gifts "LCCM" or "Souperbowl"

Men of Church Wednesday, January 16th 7:00 p.m.

Host needed. Please contact Steven Frazier
Please join us for good food & good fellowship

Our HOMEBOUND Members

Dot Cothran @ her home
Laura Latimer, The Blake, Elgin
Boochie Swearingen, Sunrise, Charlotte
Janice Reynolds @ her home

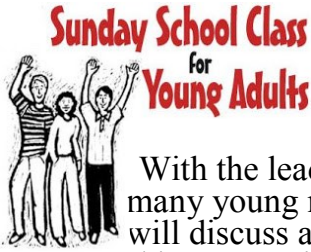
In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Our congregation offers the Spirit of Consolation to those who have lost family & friends. Our thoughts & prayers are with you

Isabelle Bailey McCutchen
Ida Ruth Johnson Alexander

For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I will help you. — Isaiah 41:13 (RSV)

Isabelle Bailey McCutchen
07/18/1927 - 12/08/2018



We are very excited about our Sunday school class for our 20+ Younger Adults

With the leadership of Rev Parnell and many young members of the church, we will discuss and analyze topics and issues pertinent to Younger Adults, such as: marriage, parenthood, work/life balance, and study the Word through various lenses and mediums for practical application in today's ever evolving world. We will have monthly dinners, outside of Church, to encourage others in the community to witness the power of the Word in a more relaxed and recognizable venue.

Thank You



Pastor Chris and family would like to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone in the church for all the ways you blessed our family this Christmas season! Thank you for the gifts, desserts, fruits, cookies, and everything else you shared with us that made the season brighter. May God bless you and yours this season, and every season, in the name of our Lord. All our love and gratitude, - Chris, Laura, Claire, Mary, Patrick

Thank you to everyone who helped make my Christmas brighter by your generosity & your remembrances. I pray you all have a GREAT 2019!
Love, Gwen Steinmeyer

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year. We all love the music and the decorations, but the best thing about Christmas is being with your family and friends, sharing the joy of this gift that God has given us. Thank you for sharing with me. I wish you many blessings in the coming year.
"Happy New Year"- Louise McCutchen

Thank you to everyone for all the Christmas gifts and prayers this past year. Love, Elouise Wright

Thank you to the members of the Congregation and Session for all the Christmas gifts I received. I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness.
Sincerely, Bo Dickinson

JANUARY HELPER CALENDARS		
DATE	GREETER	NURSERY
6th	Cruces Bell	Jill McElveen
13th	Betsy Bramlett	Debbie Tindal
20th	Matt Bramlett	Charlie & Virginia Ipock
27th	Ann Cooper	Jennifer McCutchen

Happy Birthday



- Robert McCutchen III 2
- Ann West 2
- Rhetta Simon Cloyd 3
- Chip Smith 3
- Bill Tindal 3
- Kody Mills McCutchen 4
- Michael Farver 5
- John Bell, Jr 9
- Will McElveen 9
- Kean Scott III 9
- John Cruces Bell IV 12
- Bill Conway 13
- Steven Welsh 13
- Ken Cutler 14
- T-Bo Ellen 16
- Carole Scott 18
- Ruby Nell Bailey 20
- Aidan Hilditch 25
- William Clyburn Ipock 26
- Jean Woodmansee 26
- Brooke Harrington 30
- Amber Harrington 30
- Josh Kirven 30
- John Latimer 30



- Kayla McCutchen 1
- Laura Latimer 4
- Harry Woodmansee 4
- Hampton Gaskins 15
- Martha Kay Hunt 15
- Benny Welch III 15
- Patrick Finethy 17
- Laura Parnell 19
- Bubba Muldrow 20
- Myers Varn Floyd 21
- Shirley Wallace 28



Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic Meeting
BPC Elder, Charlie Ipock, will be ordained & installed as a Teaching Elder in the EPC at the January 25th - 26th Presbytery meeting at Trinity PC in Florence. We are all proud of your accomplishments!!!

Jewish Voice Ministries International

The Kids for Christ asks anyone willing to help this ministry to please pick up a "Kids For Christ" coin bank from the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be sent to Jewish Voice Ministries. Thanks in advance for your support! Next collection date: May 12th
To learn more visit: www.JewishVoiceToday.org