

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

January 4, 2015
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
The Second Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

VISITING TODAY? Stop by the Welcome Center to the left of the main entrance to learn more about this church or ask questions, then join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court after worship. For membership information, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare provided in the nursery of the Ed. Bldg. for children ages birth - 5 years.

Worship Together Sunday: Children and Youth grades K - 12 are invited to worship with their families.

Sunday School resumes on January 11th.

Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main doors. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Ed. Bldg.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING DEVICES

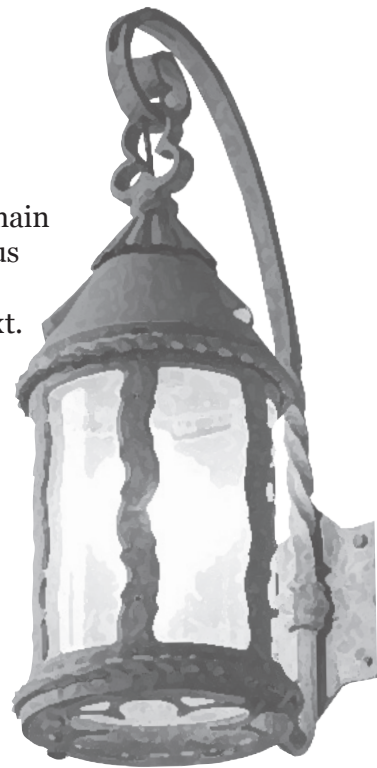
are available near the church entrance; ask an usher.

Worship Notes

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Heather Miller Cox, Otto Finkbeiner, David Stewart Hanna, Mary Pancoast Reeve, Edward Bingham Miller, and Elvin J. Stoltzfus.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Leonard Weiss.

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY are representatives from Membership Council. Join them at Café in the Court to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* **PRELUDE** Jesu Bright and Morning Star Dietrich Buxtehude
The Old Year Has Passed; The New Year Has Arrived J.S. Bach

* **WELCOME** Richard Wohlschlaeger

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: May the God of newness be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: People of Christmas, offer your hearts to God.

**All: We lift them to the One who comes,
new hope and life cradled in loving hands.**

One: People of the Holy One of Bethlehem, sing glad praises to our God.

**All: We come, for we have received the good news,
we have believed the Word, we are given joyful songs to sing.**

† **HYMN 22** Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of Christmas:

The creche figures have not been put away;
we have stacks of holiday cards,
but we memorize the words sin has taught us.

We set limits on whom we will love;
we make promises we cannot keep;
we fail to see the pain and hurt we cause.

God of the angels and shepherds, forgive us.

Your Word has come to reshape our lives;
your Light has come to show us the way home;
your Son has come to make us your family.

Have mercy and make us new people. This we pray in Jesus' name.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 579*)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

(Children are invited to come forward for the *Children's Moment*.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

ANTHEM**The Apple Tree**

Mark Schweizer

*St. Cecilia Girl Choir, St. Andrew Boy Choir, and Youth Chorale**Ruth Engelman, Jaimee Getty, Lily Haupt, Meredith Meyer, and Emily Peetros, soloists*

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

SENDING HYMN

Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
 Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u-pon you, and may
 God be gracious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
 pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

FIRST LESSON Psalm 147:12-20 (*p. 582 in pew Bible*) Richard Wohlschlaeger**SECOND LESSON** Ephesians 1:3-14 (*p. 192 in pew Bible*) Kellen A. Smith**SERMON** *Difference Maker* Kellen A. Smith*† **HYMN 28** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Nicene Creed: in unison*) Rachel Pedersen

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rachel Pedersen

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Please fill in the *Fellowship Register* at the end of your pew;
 pass it down your row and back again.)

OFFERING AND

OFFERTORY ANTHEM This Little Light of Mine Moses Hogan

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. All through the night I’m gonna let it shine. All through the night I’m gonna let it shine. All through the night I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. My God gave it to me, Oh, children, I’m gonna let it shine, children. My God gave it to me, Lord, I’m gonna let it shine. My God gave it to me, Oh, children, I’m gonna let it shine. In my home, let it shine, All over the world, let it shine, let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine.

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (Hymnal 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 51** See Amid the Winter’s Snow HUMILITY

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Kellen A. Smith

POSTLUDE In Thee is Joy J.S. Bach

Announcements

FIBER ARTISTS EXHIBIT. This is the last day for our colorful Ministries Center display of quilts, art quilts and wearables, designed by 12 fiber artists from the Delaware Valley. Contact: Bonnie Atwood, batwood313@verizon.net.

LAST CALL FOR T-SHIRT DESIGNS. The deadline for designing a T-shirt for our 2015 Service Days is January 5. Submit your one-color design as a jpeg or pdf to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org. All submissions will be displayed and the winning design will include your name screen-printed on the shirt. Two runners-up will receive gift certificates for art supplies.

THE EPIPHANY MYSTERY EVENT. Jan. 5 - 11, Church Campus. Children and families are invited to search around BMPC to help solve an Epiphany Mystery. Clues will be hidden, prizes to be discovered. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Jan. 6, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Experience this ancient symbol and prayer form. Last walk of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m. Contact JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.

TWO PIANO RECITAL. Sun., Jan. 25, 2:00 p.m. What's better than a recital with one piano? Two, of course! Especially when the pianists are amazing local keyboard artists Laura Ward and Jeffrey Brillhart. Works by Samuel Barber, Scott Joplin, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Johann Sebastian Bach. Free-will offering. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER. Our Book Center, located in the Ministries Center, is open after worship and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Begin the new year with a new daily devotional; our Book Center has a variety. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

NEW HYMNALS. Purchase and dedicate our new hymnals for \$20 each; donors and honorees' names will be printed on special book plates. Your donations will fill our pew racks with new volumes. Visit the Hymnal Table in the Court or contact Susan Joseph at bibliothe Karin@gmail.com.

SUNDAY PARKING REMINDER. Those who are able-bodied are encouraged to park behind Harcum College (access on Pennswood Road). A Montgomery Avenue crossing guard is available for safety.

Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER: A SERIES ABOUT HUNGER. Sundays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. From our own Hunger Committee to a mission in the slums of Mexico City, this series leads us on a quest to learn from our mission partners about issues of hunger near and far. Guest speakers will come from contexts as different as Broad Street Ministries (Philadelphia) and Hands Along the Nile (Egypt), but all will address how the church can work to end food insecurity and uphold dignity in the human community. Contact: Carol Schmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Y-GROUP MONTHLY MEETING. Tues., Jan. 20, 9:15 a.m., Main Kitchen. Y-Group is our interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages with a focus on family, faith, fellowship and service. Join us for our January mission project: preparing meals for BMPC tutoring students. Join our mailing list: contact ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

CARING AND CRAFTS. Mon., Jan. 26, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Knitters gather to make scarves, prayer shawls, mittens and hats for children and teens at “theVillage” (formerly Presbyterian Children’s Village). Contact: Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Jan. 26, 1:30 p.m. Soprano Carol Latimer, fresh from her Metropolitan Opera chorus debut in Wagner’s “Die Meistersinger,” shares details from auditions to rehearsals to the excitement of her performances on the Met stage...and she’ll sing, too! Contact: DeAnn Clancy, 610-525-8347, deannclancy@hotmail.com.

BMPC MEN’S GROUP. Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Men of all ages are invited for fellowship and lively discussions. Contact: Lee Comer, 484-524-8271.

FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP. All are invited to DanceFit (aerobics and strength training), Respose Yoga and Tai Chi classes held weekly in our gym, and to our Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better, which meets on Wednesdays. For info search “fitness” at bmpc.org. Contact: AnnFossum@bmpc.org, ext. 8832.

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS

THE GREAT FIVE DISCOURSES IN MATTHEW. Begins today and runs through June 7, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. A study of the “hard sayings” of Jesus and how to apply them in our lives. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 20, noon, Converse House Parlor. Bring your lunch and a beverage and discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doers. Contact: Sherry Archer, Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 23, 6:00 p.m., home of Claire Swarr, 514 Hilaire Rd., St. Davids. Enjoy a pot-luck dinner, discussion and fellowship with BMPC women of all ages. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our discussion of “What’s Holy... Putting the Pieces of Worship in Conversation.” Contact Janet White, 610-254-0231 or JanetW298@verizon.net with your pot-luck donation.

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Tues., Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m., home of Susan Powell, 1412 Mount Pleasant Rd. Villanova. Discuss *Where’d You Go, Bernadette*, a novel by Maria Semple. Contact Susan Powell, spowell270@gmail.com, 610-526-1809, with your appetizer or beverage donation.

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 206. A discussion for couples of all ages led by David and Barbara Heaton using the book *The Zimzum of Love: A New Way of Understanding Marriage* by Rob and Kristen Bell. Contact: Barbara Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

“FILLING THE WELL” WOMEN’S GROUP. Does not meet today; plan to attend on Jan. 11 and discern New Year’s resolutions for 2015 that include how to find more time for yourself and friends.

WOMEN’S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of *Christ’s Beginnings in the Four Gospels*. Bring your Bible; supplementary materials provided. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

MEN’S STUDY GROUP. Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Converse House Parlor. Led by the Rev. Paul MacMurray, this group reads books dealing with biblical and theological study. Men of all ages invited. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

FOR CARE AND SUPPORT

THE SANDWICH GENERATION: DEALING WITH AGING PARENTS. Wed., Jan. 21, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Part One of a series on managing care for parents, children and self. Led by therapists Michele Marsh and Mike Graziano; no charge, contact: info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Jan. 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. Ongoing support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. All welcome. Contact: info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

Children, Youth, and their Families

ART@9. Sundays (resuming Jan. 11), 8:45-9:50 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 201. Class provides nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children age 3 to grade 5 whose parents are attending BMPC classes. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

YOUTH SKI TRIP TO VERMONT - ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY! There's still room on the bus for our excursion to beautiful Stowe, VT and nearby Mt. Mansfield from Fri., Jan. 16 - Mon., Jan. 19. The Round Hearth Lodge will accommodate us with hot chocolate and a hot tub after a full day on the slopes. On skis or board, it will be a great time and friends are welcome. \$499; register by Jan 5. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN. For more information about the High School Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, the Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC, or Camp Kirkwood 2015, search "Summer Camps and Mission Trips" at bmpc.org. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

COLLECTION FOR WILLIAM DICK SCHOOL. The wish list for students at the William Dick School in North Philadelphia includes pencils, eraser tops, composition books, backpacks, snacks for 200 students in the afterschool program, clothing for uniforms grades K-5 yellow tops and black bottoms, grades 6-8 khaki and black tops and bottoms. Collection boxes are in our Ed. Bldg. and Ministries Center. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE DAY. Sat., Jan. 24., 8:30 a.m. Prepare casseroles at BMPC or carpool to The Common Place in Southwest Philadelphia to help with renovation projects at this innovative ministry. Register at www.bmpc.org/calendar/openregistrations or contact CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Help Fight Hunger

PREPARE CASSEROLES. Sat., Jan. 24, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Join this family-friendly event to prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to the Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

DONATE VIA OUR HUNGER ENVELOPES. Your contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

SERVE LUNCH. Sat. Jan. 31, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Help prepare and serve lunch at “Our Brother’s Place” homeless shelter for men. Carpool from BMPC. Contact Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net, 610-667-0972.

JOIN THE HUNGER COMMITTEE. Thurs., Jan 15, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room. This dedicated and enthusiastic group believes that every person has a right to adequate food obtained with dignity. Contact: Dave Hastings, dhast99@yahoo.com, 610-325-3456.

PROVIDE SNACKS FOR OUR TUTORING PROGRAM. Volunteers needed to prepare a nutritious snack for West Philadelphia children participating in the tutoring program here at BMPC. Easy-to-assemble menus available to help the students get the most out of their time spent with their volunteer tutors. For dates and details contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

This Week’s Calendar Highlights

To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: www.bmpc.org

Sunday, January 4, 2015

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Choirs, Sanctuary
The Rev. Kellen A. Smith will preach.

Childcare for ages 0 - 5, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.

8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206

10:00 a.m. Grades K - 12 worship with their families
(Sunday School resumes on January 11)

11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Hymnal Sale, Ministries Center Court

11:15 a.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center

Monday, January 5, 2015

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor and Library

9:30 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium

11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall

1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room

6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room

10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom

4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202

Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, Fine Arts Center

St. Andrew Boy Choir, Fine Arts Center

St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

6:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

Thursday, January 8, 2015

9:30 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, January 9, 2015

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Saturday, January 10, 2015

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, January 11, 2015

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

The Rev. Dr. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Nicole Wilkinson Duran, Supply Pastor for Adult Education, Outreach,
and Worldwide Ministries

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

S. Katherine Shealy, Choir School Director

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Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840