



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

February 22, 2015
8:00 a.m., Chapel
First Sunday in Lent

Welcome to BMPC

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

VISITING TODAY? Please sign the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew and introduce yourself to a pastor after the service. Our programs are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Children age 2 to PreK: 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

Grades K-5: 10:15 a.m., classes in the Ed. Bldg.

(10:00- 10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

Grades 6-12: 10:00 a.m., youth gathering in Gym; 10:30, Grade groups in the Ministries Center

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

As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.

Worship Notes

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry and Eleanore Rohrer; Misty Dailey; and Patricia Lowman Dailey.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Alan Willoughby.

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY are representatives of the Weekday School. Join them at Café in the Court to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION will be Elder Amy Hughart.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Martha S. Funk ~ February 15, 2015



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O God, we yearn to take refuge in you.

All: We open our minds for your word.

One: O God, we long to ease the troubles of our hearts.

All: We lift our hearts, ready and waiting.

One: O God, we seek to travel your journey of steadfast love.

All: We give our lives to your service.

One: O God, we are eager to learn your path of faithfulness.

All: We dedicate ourselves again to your call.

One: O God, we listen for your words: "You are my beloved."

All: To you we belong completely.

† HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION AND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of glory, you sent your Son Jesus to seek and to save the lost, and to die that we might have new life in his name. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Show us the ways we fail to answer your call. Keep us from being bound to possessions, from longing for outward approval, from listening to voices that distract us from your Word, and from hesitating to lose our old lives and take up your new life. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Please stand, if able.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(please remain seated)*



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-



fraid. Lift up your voice - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voice - es; the Lord is near.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Hughart

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10 (*p. 502 in pew Bible*)

Amy Hughart

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:9-15 (*p. 34 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Contending with Wild Beasts and Life's Big Question

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 80**

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread in the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your morning offering to the baskets when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 77

Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand, if able.

The Season of Lent

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET. Guide and enrich your journey through the 40 days of Lent using a devotional written by BMPC members and staff. Copies are available in church information racks or you may access the devotions on our website: www.bmpc.org/worship/the-season-of-lent.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES. 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor, following dinner in Congregational Hall. This year's theme: "Sown in Tears: Exploring Stories of Tragedy, Struggle, and Reconciliation." Consider how Lent gives us courage to face the emptiness within and around us, knowing that the coming resurrection redeems even the most hopeless of human experience. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

- **FEB. 25:** Poetry, Genocide, and Healing. Gregory Djanikian, Director of the Creative Writing Program at Penn and author of six published collections of poetry, helps us understand poetry as an invitation to explore the inner space of healing. He will lead us in a conversation about the Armenian genocide and read from *So I Will Till The Ground*, his collection of poems about the genocide and its aftermath.
- **MAR. 4:** When Changing the Subject Doesn't Work: How to Talk about Tragedy and Justice with Children. The Rev. Rachel Pederson shares resources and ways of framing difficult conversations.
- **MAR. 11:** Philadelphia's Mural Arts Restorative Justice Program. Jane Golden discusses "Beyond the Wall," which incorporates the concepts of restorative justice through art instruction, mural making, and community service work.
- **MAR. 18 AND 25:** Restorative Justice. Dr. Tim Horner, Assistant Professor at Villanova and director of the Center for Peace and Justice, shares his research about the Gacaca Court System that was used after the Rwandan genocide.

SPECIAL EVENTS

In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of PEACE in 1945 after World War II, our Fine Arts Council offers music, drama, and artistic works to provide restorative justice for past suffering and loss of life. Contact: [Stephanie Speakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org), ext. 8836.

- **METRONOME TICKING: A DOCUDRAMA PRESENTATION.** Sun., Mar. 1, 2:00 p.m. This mixed-media play contrasts two men caught up in World War II: a Nazi officer and an Austrian Jew, and their wives. Free-will offering. Reception to follow featuring the art of Reena Milner Brooks, whose exhibit in our Ministries Center is based on her mother's experience as a Holocaust survivor.
- **TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN: A HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL ORATORIO.** Sun., Mar. 22, 4:00 p.m. Under the direction of Jeffrey Brillhart, this concert will feature full orchestra and the choirs of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and BMPC performing the Philadelphia premiere of acclaimed composer Stephen Paulus' *To Be Certain of the Dawn*. Tickets: \$25 for adults; \$10 for students. Purchase on our website or in the Court on Sunday mornings.

MURALS TROLLEY TOUR. Sat., Mar. 14, as a follow-up to the Wed., Mar. 11, Lenten Series event with Jane Golden. Bus departs BMPC at 9:00 a.m., returns by 1:00 p.m. RSVP with a check payable to BMPC for \$24, attn: Amy Bauer. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821 or register at www.bmpc.org > calendar > open registrations.

Announcements

NEW SAFETY MEASURES. Because of the generosity and stewardship of our congregation, our childcare workers and facilities staff are now CPR/AED certified, and AEDs (Defibrillators) are located in both our Ministries Center and Education Building.

JERUSALEM AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE. Today, meet in Congregational Hall, 11:15 a.m. to enjoy pizza, then carpool to the Franklin Institute to view the IMAX movie *Jerusalem*, which showcases this iconic city through the eyes of three teenagers – one Jewish, one Christian, and one Muslim. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER. Located in the Ministries Center and open after worship and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Purchase *My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer* by Christian Wiman – an Agnes Norfleet recommendation. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.

Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER: A SERIES ABOUT HUNGER. Sundays through Mar. 8, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Today and Mar. 1: Mission Partner, Fortaleza. Dr. Carmen Morrison tells us about the work being done by Fortaleza (2014 Shall Award Recipient) in Mexico. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

IN VINO, VERITAS: THE SPIRITUALITY AND THEOLOGY OF WINE. Sundays through Mar. 1, 11:15 a.m., led by Jon Pahl. Today: The Truth about Early American Wine. Mar. 1: From Prohibition to Napa Nirvana. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Feb. 23, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Main Line Conservatory of Music Director and pianist, Joy Kiszely, presents a music lecture about her life's work, passion for the piano and preparing aspiring young pianists for the concert stage. Contact: DeAnn Clancy, deannclancy@hotmail.com, 610-525-8347.

THE SANDWICH GENERATION: JAMMED IN THE MIDDLE. Mon., Feb. 23, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Witherspoon Parlor. Part 3 of a series on managing care for parents, children and self, led by therapist Leah Brecher-Cohn. No charge. Contact: info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

Y-GROUP WINTER SOIREE. Sat., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., home of Jennifer and James Huth, 725 N. Ithan Ave., Bryn Mawr. Don your festive attire and bring your favorite humorous wine or beer label and an appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP: Jennifer Huth, jenniferhuth@comcast.net, 610-525-7075.

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Mar. 3, 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: info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Mar. 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. 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.

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.

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 206. Couples of any age are welcome. Contact: Barbara Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

"FILLING THE WELL" WOMEN'S GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed Bldg. Rm. 101. The Rev. Nicole Duran leads a discussion using *Practicing Our Faith* by Dorothy Bass. Woman of all ages and stages of life welcome. Contact: PeggyHerman@hotmail.com.

THE FIVE GREAT DISCOURSES IN MATTHEW. Sundays through June 7, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Study the "hard sayings" of Jesus and how to apply them. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Feb. 24, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Marilyn Irwin leads monthly discussions of global issues based on Foreign Policy Association briefings. This month: "Privacy in the Digital Age." Contact: Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Tues., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m., home of Kristin Chettle, 718 Larchwood Lane, Villanova. Discuss *The Round House* by Louise Erdich. RSVP to Kristin Chettle with your appetizer or beverage donation: kjchet@verizon.net or 610-995-1399.

THE BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS - A NEW MONTHLY GATHERING. Tuesday, Mar. 3, 7:00 p.m., home of the Rev. Dr. Nicole Duran, 850 Lewis Lane, Bryn Mawr. Join us to choose a time for monthly meetings to journey together through scripture. Contact: Anita Iyengar, aciyyengar@gmail.com, 610-645-6044.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Mar. 17, 12:00 noon, Converse House Parlor. Discuss *My Foreign Cities* by Elizabeth Scarborough. Contact: Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of Old Testament stories told in two different ways to enhance our understanding of the story of God. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Converse House. 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.

Children, Youth, and their Families

ART@9. Sundays, 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.

SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Mon., June 22 to Fri., June 26, BMPC campus. Join us for an exciting week where students age 3 through rising 5th graders grow in God's love, serve neighbors, and build a community together. Interested in participating or helping? Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION. For details about our High School Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC, or Camp Kirkwood, search "Summer Camps and Mission Trips" at bmpc.org. Register at www.bmpc.org > calendar > open registrations. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

ASSIST WITH THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK. IHN guests arrive today and stay until Mar. 1. If you are able to assist by preparing and serving dinner or spending the night, contact Barbara Heaton at BarbHHeaton@gmail.com, 610-667-2197.

SERVICE DAY AT COMMON PLACE. Sat., Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. Meet in the Ministries Center Court for devotions, then car pool for a mini day of service to make up for a snow cancellation. Register at www.bmpc.org>Calendar>open registrations. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

AMPLE HARVEST PROGRAM. Mon., Mar. 2, 6:00 p.m. dinner in Congregational Hall; 7:00 p.m. presentation of "No Food Left Behind," Chapel. Gary Oppenheimer, Founder of AmpleHarvest.org, discusses a solution to food waste and hunger in America. BMPC is partnering with Harcum College for this event. More information: www.harcum.edu/hclecture.

Help Fight Hunger

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Mar. 14, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. A family-friendly event where we prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

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

This Week's Calendar Highlights

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

Sunday, February 22, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.

- 8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206
"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 101
The Five Great Discourses in Matthew, Conference Room
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2, 3 & 4, Ed. Bldg.
Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Youth Grade Groups
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15 a.m. *In Vino Veritas: The Spirituality and Theology of Wine*, Witherspoon Parlor
Missions Partner: Fortaleza, Gloucester Room
Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
11:30 a.m. Brunch for new members who joined in 2014, Norfleet/Arney manse.
12:15 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, February 23, 2015

- 7:00 p.m. The Sandwich Generation: Jammed in the Middle, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

- 1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Fine Arts Center
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
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Series: Poetry, Genocide, and Healing, Witherspoon Parlor

Thursday, February 26, 2015

- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, February 27, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center

Saturday, February 28, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Service Day at Common Place, Depart from Parking Lot

Sunday, March 1, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Choir School, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet 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

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