



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

June 26, 2016
8:00 a.m., Chapel
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to BMPC

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

NEW HERE? We are pleased to have you with us as we gather to worship God and encourage you to introduce yourself to a pastor after the service. Our programs and ministries are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP: Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 3; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102

Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3: 10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
(Children begin worship with their families and depart after the Children's Moment)

Grades 4 - 12 in Worship, Sanctuary

GETTING CONNECTED. Please fill out the Fellowship Register as indicated during worship to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet each other after worship. To keep informed about our activities, subscribe to BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the fellowship register. Visit our homepage, www.bmpc.org, for links to ministry specific newsletters and our Facebook and Instagram pages.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (rain location: Ministries Center Court).

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



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please fill out the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Holy One, you are our God.

All: We will exalt you; we will praise your name.

One: For you have done wonderful things:

All: Plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

One: You have been a stronghold for your people,

All: Promising a future of blessing and peace.

One: O Holy One, you are our God.

All: We exalt and praise your loving name.

† HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of Abraham and Sarah,

you are a God who acts in human history.

God of our fathers and mothers,

you are a God who calls us into a family of faith.

Yet we confess that we are too preoccupied with our own lives

to look for your unfolding purposes in our time.

We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world,

as if you had little role to play.

Forgive our lack of faith, and help us to join you

as you labor to build up your kingdom and bring new life to the earth,

in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Please stand, if able.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Whiteside

FIRST LESSON Genesis 18:1-15 (*p. 14 in pew Bible*)

Cathy Whiteside

SECOND LESSON Genesis 21:1-7 (*p. 16 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Abraham and Sarah: God's Gift of Laughter* Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 74**

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into 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 offering plates 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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand, if able.

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Clara Lemon

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Lawrence R. Brown Jr.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

GREETING AND HOSTING

Participants in our Supper Club Ministry

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Cathy Whiteside

BULLETIN COVER

Our four-year-olds learn about God's ongoing story through the unique curriculum, "Young Children and Worship," adapted from Maria Montessori's teaching methods. The curriculum's wooden figures and objects shown on this summer's bulletin covers are used repeatedly to help children identify a pattern. Today's story is set in the desert, a place where many important things happen. You'll notice Abraham and Sarah have built an altar in the desert sand. Our desert sand is in our "desert box" and we explain to our young children that because the desert is a unique place where God and people meet, we need to have a small piece of it in our room..

Our summer sermon series is based upon the Old Testament stories we teach to our youngest children, hoping that children in worship will recognize them and the child in each of us will recall the foundational biblical witness for the life of faith.

Announcements

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. Children age 4 – grade 3 are invited to Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201 after the Children’s Moment in 10:00 a.m. worship. In this summer class they will help mission partners and learn more about worship. Special activities are also available for our two- and three-year-olds in the nursery. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

SUMMER CHOIR. Through Sept. 4. All singers (age 12 to adults) are invited to come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then to stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns) and informal (no robes). Come when you can; no need to sign up in advance. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION. To sign up for our Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC or Camp Kirkwood 2016 for rising 6th - 12th graders, search “Summer Camps and Mission Trips” at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The APNC is continuing its work to identify a candidate to serve as our Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults, and a candidate for Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Stewardship. The committee welcomes your input. To refer a potential candidate, email APNC@bmpc.org.

SUPPER CLUB MINISTRY. Interested in sharing fellowship and a potluck dinner several times a year in members’ homes? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

CONGREGATIONAL MIXED-MEDIA ART SHOW. This annual show welcomes works from artists who are members of the church and their friends, especially the Artists’ Gathering group who transform Gloucester Room into a studio every Thursday. Works will be on view in the Conference Room as well as Witherspoon Parlor through the summer. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

SHARE IDEAS FOR CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL. We’re starting to plan for Fall 2016. Any thoughts about ways our children’s Sunday school classes can build community and enjoy fellowship together? RachelPedersen@bmpc.org, ext. 8810.

COLLECTION BINS. Please do not leave items (of any type) at the church as donations unless there is specific request posted in the bulletin. Collection bins will have signs if there is a collection in process. Eyeglasses may be taken to Lenscrafters, or check with your local Lions Club.

Today

RECLAIMING EVANGELISM. Classes through Sunday, July 24, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. In this summer's education series, we look at the tradition of evangelism and why it makes so many of us uncomfortable. We also share time with pastors from three of our mission partner ministries here in Philadelphia who consider evangelism to be a vital part of their work: Beacon Church, Broad Street Ministry, and West Kensington Ministries. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

This Week

ORGAN RECITAL. Wed., June 29, 2:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Jeffrey Brillhart performs in conjunction with the Organ Historical Society Convention. All welcome, free of charge. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

NEW! CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP. First meeting: Thurs., June 30, 1:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

Caring & Sharing

HUNGER FACT. With an overall poverty rate of 25%, Philadelphia is the poorest big city (population over one million) in the county: 30% of food-insecure households skip meals, cut portions or otherwise forego food; 70% choose cheaper, less nutritious options. Help fight hunger by donating in the white hunger envelope in the pew rack or by bringing cans of food to the baskets near the main entrance of the Sanctuary.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

NEW HORIZONS SENIOR CENTER. This BMPC Hunger Committee mission partner in Narberth provides full-course meals, does grocery shopping for homebound seniors, and offers recreation, socialization, education, health and wellness, and supportive services. Volunteers are needed for assistance with daily lunches for older adults. Shannon.NHSC@gmail.com, 610-664-2544.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS. Please pray for Staff Sgt. Christian Craig, Valerie and Peter Craig's son, on his third deployment to the Middle East, and also for Frieda Kaniuka's grandson in the Armed Forces. If you have a loved one who is serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, janneyryan610@gmail.com.

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical and other appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext. 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

SERVE WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM. Provide rides for older adults, meals to those recuperating, prayer shawls for those in need of prayer, or visits to the homebound. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org or ext. 8833.

This Week's Calendar

For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.

Today, June 26, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**
Children and Youth in Worship (grades 4 - 12), Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:15 a.m. Reclaiming Evangelism, Witherspoon Parlor

Monday, June 27, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Property Vision Team, Pastors' Conference Room

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

No scheduled activities.

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; Meet in Main parking lot
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch for Organ Historical Society Convention, Ministries Center
- 2:15 p.m. Jeff Brillhart Recital and Masterclass for Organ Historical Society Convention, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, June 30, 2016

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

1:00 p.m. Chronic Pain Support Group, Fullerton Room

Friday, July 1, 2016

No activities scheduled.

Saturday, July 2, 2016

No activities scheduled.

Sunday, July 3, 2016

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

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

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach

Youth in Worship for grades 4 - 12

10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

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

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Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

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