



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to BMPC

We are pleased that you have joined us as we gather to worship God. Our programs and ministries are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Please introduce yourself to a pastor after the service.

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: 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

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

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

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

If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.

Grades 6 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Holiday Worship Together, 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 a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Elizabeth U. Lauer ~ February 10, 2017

Jane E. Henry ~ February 13, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's Spirit dwells in us,

All: For we are God's temple.

One: God declares to God's beloved,

All: You shall be holy, for I your God am holy.

† HYMN 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness,
but we forsake your commandments.

We have not provided for the poor or aided those in need.

We have not been truthful in our daily business;
we have been unjust in our judgment of others.

We have sought vengeance against our enemies;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us our sins, and by the power of your Holy Spirit,
free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our
light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill McKee

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 26:16-19 (*p. 181 in Bible*)

Bill McKee

SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:38-48 (*p. 5 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Perfect Love

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 410

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

W ZLOBIE LEZY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE 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 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

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 693 Though I May Speak GIFT OF LOVE

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Henry and Eleanor Rohrer
Misty Dailey
Patricia Lowman Dailey

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Bill McKee

USHERING

Brian Kerr

BULLETIN COVER

Stained glass window depicting Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount
in the Cathedral of Brussels, Belgium.

Announcements

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. We look forward to welcoming new members to our community of faith on Sun., March 5. As orientation, our “Gathering with the Pastors” next Sun., Feb. 26, before and after 10:00 a.m. worship will acquaint you with this church, our ministries and our Reformed tradition and is an opportunity to ask questions (childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH. Copies of Eboo Patel’s book, *Acts of Faith*, are available in the Book Center for the reduced price of \$5.00. We welcome interfaith leader Eboo Patel to speak on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An all-church discussion of the book is scheduled for April. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. Training is required for those who volunteer with children through grade 12 at BMPC. If you have not completed training in the last year, you must register; dates are available in February: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION. For more information about the High School Mission Trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico; the Middle School Mission Trip to Broad Street Ministries; or Camp Kirkwood, search “Summer Camps and Mission Trips” at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

PASTORAL COUNSELING & VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION. Former BMPC Associate Pastor Pattie Kitchen meets with individuals to explore the question, “What have I been placed upon this earth to do: to love, to lead, to create, to heal?” To schedule an appointment: info@middletoncenter.org or 610-525-0766. No charge.

ART EXHIBIT. Through Feb. 26 in our Ministries Center, the Studio at Beacon presents “Art Created for Community and Personal Transformation.” Beacon, a mission partner of BMPC, identifies itself as a neighborhood faith community serving a portion of Kensington. Presbyterian pastors lead the flock and have established an art studio to inspire creativity and expression for all who attend. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, BMPC Campus (kick-off on Sun., June 18). This year we *Explore the Parables through Art*. For more details or to sign up, search “Vacation Bible Camp” at www.bmpc.org. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Today

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOKS OF 1 & 2 SAMUEL. 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. “Walk” through 1 and 2 Samuel with Courtenay Willcox and revisit Saul, David, Jesus and many more. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ARTS AND SPIRITUALITY. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Patricia Danzon, Spiritual Director at Middleton Center, explores the influences of religion/spirituality on the visual arts from the Middle Ages to the present.

This Week

MISSION TRIP TO LEBANON. Five BMPC members are traveling with the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and visiting with congregations of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, our Presbyterian partners in the region. They return on Feb. 22. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels. On Sun., March 26, 11:15 a.m., they share their experiences.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. All are welcome to this class led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

WEEKEND WITH IVY BECKWITH. Fri., Feb. 24, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.; Sat., Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and Sun. Feb. 26, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. One of the leading voices in children’s faith formation, the Rev. Ivy Beckwith explores ways to best support our children and grandchildren as they grow in faith. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Upcoming

DEADLINE FOR BMPC WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES GRANTS. Tues., Feb. 28 is the deadline for applications for Worldwide Ministries grants. Check the criteria at www.bmpc.org > Outreach > Grants to learn if an organization you support might be encouraged to apply. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION PROGRAM. Sat., March 4, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Gloucester Room. March is National Kidney Month! This presentation by the National Kidney Foundation discusses how kidneys function and keep you alive, individual risk of kidney disease and screening tests, and how people can improve their lifestyles to prevent kidney disease. Register: JenniferRocheleau@bmpc.org, ext. 8832.

MIDDAY LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS. Tuesdays, March 7 - April 11, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Spend your lunch hour listening to talented organists play BMPC’s magnificent Rieger organ. March 7 – Parker Kitterman; March 14 – Lucas Brown; March 21 – Bryan Holten; March 28 – Andrew Senn; April 4 – Edward Landin; April 11 – Kathleen Scheide. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY. Sundays, March 5 - 26, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Encounters with Jesus led by Seminary Intern David Smith in a study of the stories from the Gospel of John that have shaped our Lenten Devotional. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

MINI SERIES ON CORRECTIONS ISSUES. Sun., March 5 & 12, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Our Peacemaking Committee addresses problems within the American justice system with speakers Ann Schwartzman of the PA Prison Society (March 5) and Kate Germond of Centurion Ministries (March 12). Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com.

NATHAN LAUBE ORGAN RECITAL. Sun., March 5, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. A former Organ Scholar at BMPC, Nathan Laube has established an impressive performance career. We are thrilled to welcome him back to Bryn Mawr. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

INTERFAITH CENTER BENEFIT AND AWARD PRESENTATION. Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. The annual Dare to Understand Award will honor Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core. Free tickets available at www.interfaithcenterpa.org, Amanda Scates-Preisinger, asp@interfaithcenterpa.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT. Sunday, March 12, 8:45 a.m. - 6:45 p.m., Gloucester Room. Our Youth Ministry Council invites church members to participate in a listening session with Ministry Architects - consultants who have been enlisted to conduct an assessment of our youth ministry - including input from a variety of church members. To register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY. Mondays, March 13 & 20, 6:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Rabbi David Strauss of Main Line Reform Temple and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for two evenings of study as we explore significant biblical texts that we, as both Christians and Jews, share. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION. Tuesday, March 14, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Congregational Hall. Ministry Architects consultants present a report following the assessment of our youth ministry. All church members are invited to hear the results. A free dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation runs from 5:45-7:00 p.m. To register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

IS GARDENING YOUR PASSION? Volunteer with our Common Ground Committee that works to bring an environmentally friendly (as well as beautiful) use of the grounds that surround our campus. Mickey Cooper, RRRailer@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER FOR A REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM. Sign up today to support a local refugee family. Teams include housing, furnishings, food/shopping, medical, transportation, employment, education, finance, clothing, and friendship. florence.zeller@gmail.com.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. Food baskets are located in the Narthex and Chapel entrance. Bring a non-perishable food item to worship on Sundays to help stock the local emergency food cupboards. Dave Hastings, dhast99@yahoo.com.

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, February 19

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
Church School Casseroles, Congregational Hall
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Holiday Worship Together for grades 6 - 12
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15 a.m. Fullerton Bible Study, Fullerton Room
Arts and Spirituality, Witherspoon Parlor
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, February 20

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, February 21

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Overbrook Presbyterian
Boy Scout Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together Program for grades K - 5, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, February 23

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
5:00 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Ushers' CPR and AED Training, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Bible for Beginners, Gloucester Room
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
Visual Arts Committee Meeting, Conference Room
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Ivy Beckwith: Nurturing Faith at Home, Congregational Hall
(optional dinner at 6:00 p.m. and presentation at 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, February 25

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. Ivy Beckwith: Nurturing Faith at Church, Congregational Hall
10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Middleton Center

Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12
11:15 a.m. Ivy Beckwith: Faith in the Future, Congregational Hall

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

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