



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

May 14, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Rm. 102

Art @ 9

age 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Education Building, Rm. 201

Morning Discussion Group

Adult Bible Study
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

Filling the Well

Women's Bible Study
8:45 a.m., Education Building, Rm. 104

10:00 Worship & Programs

Sunday School, Adult Education
See calendar for a complete schedule

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available in the Narthex of the Chapel. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

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.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found in the Narthex. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For more information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Mary Steege

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To the rock that gives us refuge,
All: To the shepherd who seeks the lost,
One: To the Spirit who enlivens us,
All: To the one who holds us fast,
One: To the God of all creation, let us sing our praise.
All: Let us worship the One who redeems.

† HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious and Loving Lord, forgive our short memories.
Forgive us when we are quick to ask for grace,
but slow to extend it.
Forgive us when we doubt the gifts you have given
and when we hoard the abundance you share.
Forgive us when we point to the sins of others,
and when we quietly dismiss our own.
Help us Lord, to remember our identity in you.
Strengthen us that we might live lives worthy of your choosing.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Taylor

FIRST LESSON

John 14:1-14 (*p. 108 in pew Bible*)

Nancy Taylor

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10 (*p. 233 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Living Stones

Rachel Pedersen

† HYMN 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mary Steege

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 offering 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

Rachel Pedersen

† HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand, if able.

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Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ida Virginia Evans and John Duncan Evans
Sarah Gilbert Tuten and John Cole Tuten

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Stuart K. Gord

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Nancy Taylor

USHERING

Elder Keith Brinks

BULLETIN COVER

Journey with Jesus by He Qi

Announcements

REFLECTION GROUPS FOR MINISTRY CURRICULUM. Help us identify the most important stories, skills, and experiences children have in each grade. Your feedback will help shape education for the whole church. For dates per age group, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELPERS. Help welcome over 100 children to VBC. We need volunteers in a variety of roles. You can help before camp, one day during, or the whole week. Contact RachelPedersen@bmpc.org to sign up or for questions.

ART EXHIBIT: AFRICAN ART AND VOICES IN QUILTS. On display through May 28. The George Purvis collection from Harcum College highlights African sculpture in different materials: masks, fabrics, textiles and household items. The quilts of Ghana were conceived as the expressions of the women who crafted them under the direction of Christina Johnson, a fellowship recipient sent to teach and learn. Johnson speaks about the quilts on Sun., May 21, at 11:15 a.m. in our Conference Room. A reception for the exhibit follows the choir concert that afternoon.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. For information about our spring membership orientation or to join our church on our next New Member Sunday, June 11, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING. We have an opening on Sun., May 28 for a shared flower dedication of our Sanctuary Flowers. If you would like to participate in dedicating flowers to a loved one, contact Doreen Petrovitch, 484-645-1661.

Today

FIFTH GRADE STEP-UP DAY & HYMNAL PRESENTATION. 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary. During the Children's Moment, our fifth graders receive hymnals as they bridge from the children's program to the youth program. Fifth graders then proceed to gym for last youth gathering of the program year.

LAST YOUTH GATHERING & 5TH GRADE STEP-UP DAY. 10:00 a.m., Gym. Fifth graders arrive after hymnal presentation.

CONFIRMATION EXPO. 11:00 a.m., Gym. All are invited to view projects presented by the Confirmands.

CARILLON TOUR. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

This Week

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., May 16, noon, Converse House Library. Join members of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian and Overbrook Presbyterian Churches to discuss *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel. Alyce Marsh, 215 472-7886.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., May 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Winifred Cutler. The Rev. Barbara Chaapel leads a discussion of *Our Journey Godward: An Opportunity to Explore Ancient and Contemporary Spiritual Practices*. Carpooling is suggested. Register with your potluck dinner donation. Janet White, Janetw298@verizon.net.

Upcoming

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. Sun., May 21. Following an 8:30 a.m. breakfast in Congregational Hall with their families, Confirmands are recognized during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC & TEACHER CELEBRATION. Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., BMPC Lawn. As we wrap up a year of Sunday School, come enjoy fellowship together and help make cards to thank your teachers. Thank-you cards may be made in the Ed. Bldg. Children's Library, or worked on at home. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

HUNGER COMMITTEE LIAISON BRUNCH. Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. All are welcome to join this informative event featuring leaders from hunger organizations in the greater Philadelphia area. This is our opportunity to find out why the white hunger envelopes are in the pews every week. Free of charge, but registration is requested: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CHRISTINA JOHNSON PRESENTATION. Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Christina Johnson traveled to Ghana to teach women to express themselves through quilting. Her work has been used to promote healing and offer comfort. Carolschmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ZA CHIJERE PRESENTATION. Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Malawian Educator and Doctoral student in Organizational Leadership at Eastern University Za Chijere presents information about his school in Madisi, Malawi that seeks to increase school attendance and safety for both boys and girls. Mary Bond, bondongrouse@gmail.com.

YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY. Sun., May 21, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. Backyard cookout for youth and their families. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

CHOIR CONCERT WITH ANTON ARMSTRONG AND ANDRÉ THOMAS. Sun., May 21, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the BMPC Sanctuary Choir and Youth Chorale, Singing City and the Singing City Children's Choir, with the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. Tickets: \$20 for preferred seating; \$15 for general admission; \$5 for students. Available for purchase from singingcity.org, 267-519-5321.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Tues., May 23, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Featured guest Carole Latimer, soprano, serenades us in Perspective's "Year of the Singer" Season Finale. Luncheon includes appetizer, entree, dessert and beverages. Reservation forms may be found at the reception desk or PW kiosk in the Ministries Center or by contacting deannclancy@hotmail.com. The form and a \$20.00 check payable to BMPC Presbyterian Women should be mailed to: DeAnn P. Clancy, 1956 Montgomery Ave., Villanova, PA 19085.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., May 23, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. A discussion about the "Conflict in the South China Sea" examines China's growing influence and American diplomatic efforts in this volatile region. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

BRUCE FEILER LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING. Tues., May 23, 7:30 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. Author of *First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us*, Feiler redeems history's first couple, explains the many ways we've scapegoated Eve, and elevates these founding figures to their rightful place as role models for unity and forgiveness. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org, ext. 8849.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., May 25, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. All are welcome to attend this class led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

Save the Date

TOUR CAIRNWOOD, GLENCAIRN MUSEUM AND BRYN ATHYN CATHEDRAL. Thurs., June 1. Bus departs from back parking lot at 9:00 a.m., \$23 per person, bring a bag lunch (and drink) to eat in the garden house. Return to BMPC by 5:00 p.m. Space is limited to 20. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., May 20, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. A great family-friendly project (four years old and up) to prepare casseroles for shelters in Philadelphia. Bring your own apron. A few volunteers are needed to help with set up at 7:30 a.m. Register: [Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

OUR BROTHERS' PLACE. Sat., May 20, 10:15 a.m. Meet at Reception Desk in the Ministries Center to carpool. Help prepare and serve lunch at Our Brothers' Place, a homeless shelter for men. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register: Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net, 610-667-0972.

PENTECOST OFFERING. Invest in the faith formation of one of the church's greatest resources – our youth – and join in ministries that address the needs of at-risk children. A portion of the offering is designated for our BMPC Tutoring Program. Envelopes will be in the pews beginning next Sunday, May 28, or note "Pentecost Offering" on the memo line of your check. Carolschmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

MOTHER'S DAY INFANT FORMULA AND BABY FOOD COLLECTION.

Through May 21. Help homeless women and children at Episcopal Community Services St. Barnabas Mission. Similac Advanced or other formula may be dropped off in collection bins around the church and Education Building. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. Contribute to emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations by using the white Hunger envelopes in the pews or noting "Hunger" on the memo line of your check. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

SERVE WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM. Provide rides for older adults, meals to those recuperating, prayer shawls for those in need of solace, or visits to the homebound. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, 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, May 14

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
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
9:15 a.m. Fifth Grade Step-Up Breakfast, Ministries Center Balcony
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
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Students in Grade 5 Join Youth, Gymnasium
Youth Grade Groups, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Refreshments and Fellowship, Gymnasium
Confirmation Expo, Gymnasium
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft

Monday, May 15

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Reflection Groups for Ministry Curriculum: K - 3rd Grade, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, May 16

- 7:00 a.m. Primary Election Voting, Ed. Bldg.
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor

- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, May 17

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:45 p.m. Choir Concert Rehearsal for Grades 3+, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, May 18

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Refugee Volunteer Workshop for Clearances, Fullerton Room
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, May 19

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Reflection Groups for Ministry Curriculum: K - 3rd Grade, Gloucester Room
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Winifred Cutler
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Saturday, May 20

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Under Three Play Date, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 10:15 a.m. Serving Lunch at Our Brothers' Place; meet at Ministries Center
- 12:00 p.m. Choir Lunch, Congregational Hall

Sunday, May 21

- 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.
- Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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