



Gather Us In

Stewardship 2018

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

October 15, 2017
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

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

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Age 2 - PreK Classes

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5 Classes

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Grades 6 -12

Youth Gathering
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Gymnasium
Connection Groups
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

How to Talk About Hot Topics Without Arguing

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

Organ Recital

Dexter Kennedy
2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

NEW HERE? We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello at our information alcove to the left of the main entrance after the service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

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

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GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Voluntary III

George Frideric Handel

WELCOME

Mary Steege

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O sing to the Lord a new song.

All: Sing to the Lord all the earth!

One: Let us declare God's marvelous works,

All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

One: With heart and voice, let us worship the Lord, our God.

† **HYMN 31**

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Great God of all Creation: you have surrounded us with beauty;
you have given us wonderful companions in family and friends;
and you have filled us with good things.

You have showered us with blessings beyond measure,
and yet we confess we lack faith that there will be enough.

We worry that there may not be enough time, enough money,
or enough hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Help us be mindful that in you there is always more than enough grace,
more than enough mercy, more than enough hope.

Forgive our unsettled doubts, O God, and restore us to the abounding trust
we know we have in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

Hymn 581

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

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

During the Sending Hymn, children K - Grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may
God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the
presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

FIRST LESSON Psalm 145:8-13 (p. 581 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

The Promise of Living
Sanctuary Choir

Aaron Copland

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving is born of our loving our friends and our labor. The promise of growing with faith and with knowing is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor. The promise of living is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving. For many a year we've known these fields and known all the work that makes them yield. Are you ready to lend a hand? We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand. By working together we'll bring in the harvest. We plant each row with seeds of grain, and Providence sends us the sun and the rain. By lending a hand, by lending an arm bring out from the farm the blessings of harvest. O let us be joyful. Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain, give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain. O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful to the Lord for His blessing. The promise of ending in right understanding is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor. The promise of living, the promise of growing, the promise of ending is labor and sharing and loving!

SECOND LESSON Romans 3:21-31, 5:1-2 (p. 154 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Faith Alone

Agnes W. Norfleet

Second in a five-part series on the Reformation

† **HYMN 30**

O God, in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Gather Us In

Courtenay Willcox

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Call
Sanctuary Choir

Rebecca Kirkpatrick
Lee Hoiby

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath; such a Truth, as ends all strife; such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Feast as mends in length; such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move; such a Love, as none can move; such a Heart, as joys in Love.

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

† *Please stand, if able.*

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†	DOXOLOGY		Hymn 606
	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		Rebecca Kirkpatrick
†	HYMN 817	We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight	DUNLAP'S CREEK
†	BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Passacaglia in d-moll, BuxWV 161	Dieterich Buxtehude

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Jim & Adell Burdick
 Matthew Joseph Hnatin
 Daniel Mark Caesar

SERMON SERIES

on the five Solas of the Reformation

Observing the 500th anniversary of when Martin Luther is said to have posted his 95 Theses of Reform on October 31, 1517, this series will consider the five theological affirmations of the Reformation: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone, and To God Alone Be Glory.

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Hunger Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

Gather Us In
 is the Stewardship theme for 2018

Announcements

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019. Through Oct. 27 BMPC members have priority in placement for preschool children for the 2018 - 2019 school year. For admissions information, contact Kim Black at weekdayschool@bmpc.org.

BOOK CENTER IN MINISTRIES CENTER. Books by Barbara Bradley Hagerty, Community Forum speaker, are available in the Book Center. Also available is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, the selection for the Pastor's Book Group on Nov. 8.

ART EXHIBIT: VISUALS OF WWI SONGS AND LONGWOOD GARDENS PHOTOS. Through Sun., Nov. 5, Ministries Center. Part One features visuals of America's nationalist music that developed mainly as songs of WWI. Part Two exhibits photos of Longwood Gardens, developed by American ammunition industrialist and philanthropist Pierre S. DuPont from 1915 to 1950. See the newly restored water fountains and learn about the Aeolian organ through its International Longwood Garden Organ Competition.

Today

HOW TO TALK ABOUT HOT TOPICS WITHOUT ARGUING. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Our Peacemaking Committee presents a workshop led by Jenny Beer, a teacher, mediator and anthropologist who guides organizations and communities in negotiating conflict.

THE CARING MINISTRIES CORNER. Stop by the Ministries Center Court between 9:00 a.m. and noon to meet Carol Cherry, our new parish nurse, and Renee Malnak-Giansiracusa, our new social worker. They are available the third Sunday of the month to answer questions and provide resources. Look for the blue "Caring Ministries" Banner.

FALL FESTIVAL. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Sandy Hill Farm, 1918 Sandy Hill Rd., Plymouth Meeting. Hosted by Y-Group, our interest group for mothers.

GENERATION NEXT: A MINI-SERIES FEATURING RISING STARS OF THE ORGAN WORLD. 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Dexter Kennedy, winner of the prestigious Grand Prix de Chartres d'interprétation in 2014, performs. Suggested offering: \$10.00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI-GOLF. 4:00-6:00 p.m., Tee's Golf Center, Conshohocken. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited for an afternoon of fellowship, mini golf and pizza. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

This Week

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Barbara Bradley Hagerty, author and former religion reporter for National Public Radio, discusses her latest book, *Life Reimagined*, and how to renegotiate one's purpose, refocus relationships, and transform the way one thinks about self and the world. Book signing follows in Ministries Center. MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Oct. 17, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Eric Johnson leads discussion of L. Frank Baum's book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. For Word and PDF book information, contact: Eric Johnson, ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discussion of Latin America's Political Pendulum: How Can U.S. Policy Adjust to Socioeconomic and Political Swings in Latin America? Jerry Young, 610-525-7280.

YOUTH MINISTRY VISIONING SUMMIT. Fri., Oct. 20, 5:30-9:00 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 21, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Gymnasium. Join the Youth Ministry Council and staff as we seek to build upon last year's Ministry Architect's assessment by charting a new vision for the future of our thriving youth ministry. All are welcome. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen of the Ministries Center. The Hunger Committee invites you to participate in this family-friendly event (children over the age of 4) to prepare 1,300 meals for Philadelphia food cupboards. Please bring your own apron and wear clothes appropriate for kitchen work. Register: Sandie Nicholson, SandieKev@verizon.net.

Next Sunday

6TH & 7TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m., David Smith's Manse. All sixth and seventh graders and their families are invited to join David for a time of fellowship after worship. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE SERIES. Sundays, Oct. 22 and 29, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Beth Hessel, executive director of the Presbyterian Historical Society, presents a two-part series, "Challenges to Christian Unity: The Tensions in a Key Tenet of the Protestant Reformation." On Oct. 22, Dr. Hessel shares her research on the Presbyterian response to the Japanese Internment during World War II and tells stories of the Presbyterian missionaries who fought for justice for Japanese Americans. On Oct. 29, she helps us make historical connections between our theological traditions and the current events of the times in which our theology was shaped. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE. Sun., Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join David Smith and a panel of mental health professionals at this interactive event for parents and youth hosted by the BMPC Youth Ministry and the Middleton Center. Parents learn creative ways of helping their youth navigate the transitions through middle school; youth grapple with what the transitions through middle school mean for their overall development, learn how to view change through the lens of faith, and celebrate new beginnings. All are welcome. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Oct. 23, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Performer and program TBA. DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com, 610-525-8347.

THEOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS. Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads the discussion using *Theology for Presbyterians* by Donald K. McKim. Anita Iyengar aciyengar@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE. Fri., Oct. 27, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Ministries Center. Bring your little ones to trick-or-treat through the church offices; costumes are optional and warm cider will be served! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE. Sun., Oct. 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Sugartown Strawberries Farm, Malvern. Youth in grades 9-12 are invited for a night of fellowship, campfire songs, and s'mores. Cost: \$15. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Mary Steege leads our study of *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, Chapter 3. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE. Sun., Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. To observe All Saints Sunday, the Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers present Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" with Jeffrey Brillhart conducting.

WORSHIP TOGETHER SERVICE PROJECT. Sun., Nov. 5, 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Children and youth are invited to live into the promise of All Saints Sunday by engaging in a brief intergenerational service project. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

LIVING LEGACY BRUNCH. Sun., Nov. 12, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. George Wirth returns as part of the Living Legacy series hosted by our Senior Adult Council. Cost: \$10. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. All are welcome. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+). Sun., Dec. 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne (directions to be mailed). Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$15/person (includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages) attn: Amy Bauer. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

HUNGER COMMITTEE REQUESTS. Canned goods (high protein items: soups, peanut butter, stews, ravioli). Place in Hunger Baskets in the Narthex. Reminder: next Casserole Blitz, Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. Sandie Nicholson, Sandiekev@verizon.net.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, October 15

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Caring Corner, Ministries Center Court
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, 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 - 5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Middle School Connections Group (Grades 6 - 8), Loft
Confirmation Connections Group, Gloucester Room
Grades 9 - 10 Connections Groups, Converse House Parlor
Grades 11 - 12 Connections Groups, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. How to Talk About Hot Topics Without Arguing, Congregational Hall
2:00 p.m. Organ Recital: Dexter Kennedy, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Middle School Mini-Golf, Tee's Golf Center
4:30 p.m. Eugene C. Bay Fund Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room

Monday, October 16

- 3:30 p.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Community Forum Distinguished Speaker Series, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:00 a.m. Falling Upward, A Spirituality of Two Halves of Life, Fullerton Room
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, October 18

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 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

Thursday, October 19

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 2:00 p.m. Jerene Fiechter Memorial Service, Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Visioning Summit, Gymnasium
- 6:15 p.m. Greene/Perez Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, October 21

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Visioning Summit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Greene/Perez Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 22

- 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.
- 11:15 a.m. Theologian-in-Residence, Congregational Hall

Worship Staff

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