



# Gather Us In

## Stewardship 2018

***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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October 15, 2017  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
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

### **8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel**

#### **Art @ 9**

Age 3 - Grade 5  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

#### **Digging Deeper**

Adult Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

#### **Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

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

#### **Filling the Well**

Women's Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

### **10:00 Worship, Sanctuary**

Sunday School, Adult Education  
*See calendar for a complete schedule.*

#### **Organ Recital**

Dexter Kennedy  
2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. 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 near the main entrance. 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 additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

David B. Smith

## † 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

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to  
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to  
hear your voice. O - pen my ears,  
love like you. O - pen my heart,  
Lord. Help me to hear.  
Lord. Help me to love.

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## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cara Guernsey

### FIRST LESSON

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

Cara Guernsey

### 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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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

Agnes W. Norfleet

### MINISTRY MOMENT

*Gather Us In*

Courtenay Willcox

† HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

† 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  
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.

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Elder Cara Guernsey

### **USHERING**

Steve Ryan

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bmpc.org), call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto: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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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

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