



Gather Us In

Stewardship 2018

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

October 29, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Reformation Sunday

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

Filling the Well

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

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

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

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

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

Theologian-in-Residence

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

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.

Today Protestants across the globe celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Our liturgical color is red, representing the flickering fire of the Holy Spirit that continues to reform us into Christ's image, and the martyrs of the Church whose lives bore witness to the faith.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

David B. Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There are many who have walked in God's ways before us.

All: We give thanks for our forebears in faith.

One: As they were called, so we are called to follow in the steps of Jesus.

All: We come asking for guidance and courage.

One: Let us worship the Living God, saying, "Here I am! Send me,"

All: And recommit ourselves to a future bright with hope and possibility.

† HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lord of all creation, you call us to be a people understanding of others,
patient toward those with whom we differ,
and loving toward those we find hard to love.

You call us to be a church together that is always reforming
according to your word revealed to us in scripture.

And yet we fail to be a people who fully heed your call or who stay open to change.

On this Reformation Sunday open us to new ways of being your church
in light of our challenging times.

On this Stewardship Dedication Sunday renew our commitment as individuals
and as a congregation together,
that we may serve you in faith and faithfulness in all that we do.

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

Bill McKee

FIRST LESSON Psalm 119:105-112 (*p. 569 in pew Bible*)

Bill McKee

SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (*p. 213 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Scripture Alone

Agnes W. Norfleet

Fourth in a five-part series on the Reformation

† **HYMN 50**

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

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 and 2018 stewardship pledge.

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Gather Us In

Jean Reynolds & Susie Valerio

† LITANY OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

Generous God, here in this place you gather us in

To worship you in truth and to support one another in faith.

You call us to be faithful by sharing the gifts you have given.

We give our time, our talent and our treasure to be used for your glory.

You call us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We serve you with love and compassion, and work for justice and peace.

We pledge ourselves and commit our gifts to Christian service.

By the power of your Spirit, may we increase our ministry and mission.

We dedicate our morning offering and our pledges for the coming year,

That together we may be the church you are calling us to be. Amen.

† **HYMN 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

† **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
Frances O. and Edwin M. Ross

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 Bill McKee

USHERING

Steve Ryan

BULLETIN COVER

Gather Us In is the Stewardship theme for 2018

Announcements

GATHER US IN: STEWARDSHIP 2018. Today is Dedication Sunday, when we offer up to God a portion of our time, talents, and treasure to support the work and ministry of BMPC in 2018. Gathering us in, God shapes us in community to send us out in service to the world. Please place your completed pledge cards in the offering plate or you may pledge or donate online: www.bmpc.org/pledge. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

CHOIR TOUR TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN. Registration is now open for the 2020 Choir Tour to Israel and Jordan. Singers as well as guests of the choir are welcome to sign up! The trip is scheduled for June and July 2020. A \$150 deposit is due by Wed., Nov. 15. Registration and payment information as well as trip itinerary, are available for download at www.bmpc.org/ChoirTour. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

BOOK CENTER IN MINISTRIES CENTER. *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, the selection for the Pastor's Book Group on Nov. 8, is available for purchase. The center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays following the 10:00 a.m. service. [Kat MacMurray, katmac2@icloud.com](mailto:KatMacMurray@icloud.com).

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

FIFTH SUNDAY CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICE. 10:00 a.m., Chapel. Every fifth Sunday, children and youth of all ages meet in the Chapel for an interactive worship service designed to build connections across age boundaries and generate new expressions of Christian worship and practice.

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE SERIES. 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." Today's lecture is entitled, "The Hope for Unity and the Reality of Schism: Presbyterians, Freedom of Conscience, and the Long Story of the Westminster Confession from Scotland to America."

HIGH SCHOOL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE. 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. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

This Week

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.

OUTREACH GRANT APPLICATIONS. Deadline: Wed., Nov. 1. Check the criteria on www.bmpc.org > Outreach > Grants. An organization you support may be eligible to apply. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

REFUGEE SUPPORT MEETING. Thurs., Nov. 2, 6:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Learn about fostering and supporting the unaccompanied Rohingya children from Myanmar. Everyone is welcome. JudySherry1@gmail.com.

Next Sunday

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME REMINDER. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sun., Nov. 5, so be sure to change your clocks before you go to bed the night before.

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.

MISSION CO-WORKERS CATHY CHANG AND JUAN LOPEZ. Sun., Nov. 5, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Presentation of the work they are doing to fight against human trafficking in the Philippines. Cathy and Juan were recipients of the 2016 Shaull Mission Grant from BMPC. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Wed., Nov. 8, 3:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. View the film, *The Three Penny Opera*. Eric Johnson, ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick invites you to read and discuss with her Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. Books are available in the BMPC Book Center for \$8. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Nov. 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Anne Lee. Enjoy a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion of *Joy in our Weakness: A Gift of Hope from the Book of Revelation* led by the Rev. Dr. Anne Clark Duncan. Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

LIVING LEGACY BRUNCH. Sun., Nov. 12, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. George Wirth, former BMPC Youth Pastor, 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.

9TH to 12TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun. Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m., David Smith's Manse. All ninth through 12th graders and their families are invited to join David Smith, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, for a time of fellowship after worship. Register by Nov. 10. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

THE ART OF THE SONG: BMPC STAFF SINGERS, JEFFREY BRILLHART, PIANIST. Sun., Nov. 12, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. A new addition to our concert series this year is the opportunity to hear the staff soloists from our Sanctuary Choir featured in their own recital. Suggested offering: \$10.00. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Nov. 14, 9:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Y-Group is our interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages with a focus on family, faith, fellowship and service. Florence Sturm, certified parent educator, will speak. Childcare available with three days' notice: childcare@bmpc.org. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Dr. Erlis Wickersham leads discussion of the book, *The Three Penny Opera*. Eric Johnson, erichorjohnson@gmail.com, Marge Musil, mamusil@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. A discussion about the prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan and how the United States will approach policy in that region, considering the ongoing war with the Taliban and deteriorating relations with Pakistan. Jerry Young, 610-525-7280.

Save the Date

ADVENT GIFT MARKET KICKOFF. Sun., Nov. 19, 11:00 a.m. Following worship, head to Congregational Hall to choose Christmas gifts that matter! Committees and councils share information about organizations they promote. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 23, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for "Pancakes for a Purpose" and enjoy fellowship and food at this annual event. All proceeds from the breakfast (\$5 per person) support the youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

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.

Caring & Sharing

HAM AND TURKEY COLLECTION. During November the Hunger Committee is accepting donations of frozen hams and turkeys. Donations may be placed in the freezers in the Ministries Center.

HUNGER COMMITTEE REQUESTS. Canned goods (high protein items: soups, peanut butter, stews, ravioli). Place in Hunger Baskets in the Narthex. 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 29

- 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. Children & Family Ministry Council Meeting, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
- 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
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 6 - 12, Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Kindergartners, Ed. Bldg.
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 1 - 5, Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
- 11:15 a.m. Theologian-in-Residence, Congregational Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. High School Hayride, Sugartown Strawberries

Monday, October 30

No scheduled activities.

Tuesday, October 31

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
- 10:00 a.m. Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, Fullerton Room
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Spiritual Director's Circle, Congregational Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium

Wednesday, November 1

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 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
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- Music & Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, November 2

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 5:00 p.m. McGowan/Walters Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, November 4

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal for All Saints Sunday, Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. McGowan/Walter Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 5 - All Saints Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Sanctuary**
- The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in grades 4 - 12.

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