



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 16, 2014
8:00 a.m., Chapel
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

VISITING TODAY? Stop by the Welcome Center to the left of the main exit to learn more about this church or ask questions, then join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court or Education Building Lobby (ground floor) after worship.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
(see signs in building entrances for room assignments):

- **Children age 2 to PreK:** 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.
- **Grades K-5:** 10:15 a.m., classes in the Ed. Bldg. (10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)
- **Grades 6-12:** 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym; 10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main doors. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Ed. Bldg.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING DEVICES are available near the church entrance; ask an usher.

Worship Notes

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elaine Wilkinson.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Brian Middleton.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY: Meredith Ann Collett, Charles Patrick Collett and Lindsay Marie Collett, daughters and son of Lora Marie Collett and Edward John Collett. We also celebrate with Jackson Robert England, son of Katherine Anne England and Peter Sherrerd England, who is being baptized today by Kate's godfather the Very Rev. Canon Harry Edward Krauss under the rite of the Episcopal Church.

GREETING AND HOSTING today are members of Y Group, our interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages with a focus on family, faith, fellowship and service. Join them to enjoy their hospitality.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE today is Elder Susan Joseph.

THE BULLETIN COVER: *Parable of the Talents*, by Steve Erspamer, SM.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

William J. Buchanan ~ November 8, 2014

Elizabeth E. Wasson ~ November 9, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Nicole Duran

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come let us worship the living God.

All: Let us sing to the shepherd who guides us.

One: Let us praise the Redeemer who frees us.

All: Let us shout the name of the one who calls us.

One: Let us worship the living God.

† HYMN 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION AND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, we are afraid...afraid that we do not have enough: enough time, enough resources, enough energy, enough love. We hide from one another and from you, holding on to what we have, convinced of overwhelming scarcity. Speak through our fears and show us a new way. Call us from the sin that separates us. Show us the gifts you have already given and the life you have already redeemed.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(please remain seated)*



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-



fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Joseph

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 123 *(p. 572 in pew Bible)*

Susan Joseph

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30 *(p. 28 in pew Bible)*

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Investing

Rachel Pedersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 422**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Nicole Duran

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread in 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 baskets 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 *(in unison)*

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rachel Pedersen

† HYMN 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Highlights

WE WELCOME THE REV. RICHARD WOHLSCHLAEGER, our new Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and Pastoral Care.

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH, today, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Pastor Kellen's manse. Young adults (20s and 30s) are invited for a time of food and fellowship.

LUNCH WITH JUDY WICKS: Wed., Nov. 19, 12:00 noon, Congregational Hall. Author, Chef & Founder of the White Dog Café discusses her memoir, *Good Morning Beautiful Business* that traces the roots of her career and explores what it takes to marry social change and commerce and do business differently. Passionate, fun, and inspirational, she relates how women and men can follow both mind and heart, do what's right, and do well by doing good. All welcome; cost \$10 (includes lunch). RSVP: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET, OPENING DAY. Nov. 23, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gym, opening day. New this year: on opening day only, some Councils will be selling tangible items to benefit their chosen charities. Come prepared to browse and shop for items you can take home!

ORGAN RECITAL. Sun., Nov. 23, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Thierry Escaich, a prize-winning French composer and organist who succeeded Maurice Duruflé as organist at St. Etienne-du-Mont in Paris, will dazzle at our magnificent Rieger organ. Tickets: \$10 general admission. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org, ext. 8836.

THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 27, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for "Pancakes for a Purpose" to enjoy fellowship and a great breakfast at this annual event. Proceeds (\$5 per person) support our youth mission projects and trips. Contact AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS. Sun., Dec. 7, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Bells and choirs, scripture lessons and carols capture the excitement of Advent and the wonder of Jesus' birth, making for a spirited and spiritual start of the Christmas season. Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 students. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org, ext. 8836.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (for singles and couples age 50+). Sun., Dec. 7, 6:00-8:00p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne (directions will be mailed). Cost: \$15/person (includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages) OR purchase a combination Advent Lessons and Carols Concert/Prime Time ticket for \$20 and attend both concert and the Prime Time party. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org by Dec. 3.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS (DUE NOV. 30): Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used to provide floral decoration of BMPC, decorative items to enhance worship, and materials our the Deacon’s flower ministry.

THROW SOME SOCKS TO BROAD STREET! This year’s AGM has a competitive edge. Come to the gym before or after you cruise the market, and test your aim at tossing socks into a target. Buy a pair of warm socks for \$3, then throw. If you hit the target, you get a prize—and even if you don’t, the socks you throw go to Broad Street Ministries!

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IS THANKFUL for the pledges that have already been made for 2015. If you have not yet made a financial commitment to support this church that has given so much to us all, please prayerfully consider doing so. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and may be placed in the offering plate. Pledges at any level are welcome. Contact: SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

NOT A BMPC MEMBER? Make this your church home! New members will be warmly welcomed to our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 7. To register, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT. Nature paintings by Radnor artist Ardyth Sobyak will hang in the Ministries Center through Nov. 30 and are available for purchase. A reception to meet the artist will be held after the concert by French organist Thierry Escaich on Nov. 23. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

PRAYER MINISTRY. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray for BMPC members and friends; an email-supported prayer chain now expands this ministry. Submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit www.bmpc.org/prayer. Contact: Jeanne LeBuhn, wlebuhn200@comcast.net, 610-688-6984.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS. Please pray for all who remain in harm’s way. If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, janney517@aol.com.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

JOIN OUR WELCOME TEAM. A church family shares in each others’ joys, trials, and milestones...and welcomes newcomers! Be part of a new family’s first experience learning about Bryn Mawr and adjusting to a new church home by being a friendly and helpful presence. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

THE STORY OF THE JEWS. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. After viewing 20 minutes of the PBS series presented by British historian Simon Schama, discuss the program. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

MEALS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. Sundays through today, Nov. 16, 8:45 OR 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Dr. Hal Taussig of Union Theological Seminary discusses meals in the New Testament, going beyond our usual knowledge of “the land of milk and honey.” Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

MISSION PARTNER: SEGA GIRLS SCHOOL. Today, Nov. 16, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Dr. Helene Walker, psychologist at Agnes Irwin School, shares photos and experiences of traveling to Sega Girls School with AIS students during the past two summers. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Nov. 18, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion of U.S. Trade Policy which examines American strategies for developing stable business and diplomatic partners. Contact: Marilyn Irwin, MarIrwin@aol.com.

Y-GROUP STOCKING WORKSHOP (for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages). Tues., Nov. 18, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Share your holiday spirit by decorating Christmas stockings for children of the Village. Tricia.Mackay@gmail.com.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Monday, Nov. 24, 1:30p.m., Fine Arts Center. Pianist Laura Ward, co-founder of Lyric Fest, will treat us to “The Art of the Accompanist.” Contact: DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com, 610-525-8347

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER: Tues, Dec. 2, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Experience this ancient symbol and prayer form. Last walk of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m. Contact: info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

ADVENT STUDY: EXPERIENCE THE KINGDOM. Wednesdays, Dec. 3-17, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor, led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen. Experience and participate in the kingdom of God at this gathering after our Wednesday night dinners. All ages are welcome! Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

WEEKDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP. Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m., Chapel, led by Patricia Danzon and David Heaton. Before turning to the day’s work, listen to God by using traditional prayer, Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. Contact: PatriciaDanzon@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- **Dimensions in Literature.** Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Phoebe Sheftel leads our discussion of *Schliemann of Troy: Treasure and Deceit* by David A. Traill. Readers of all ages and interests are welcome. Contact: Eric Johnson, JohnsonE@cpenow.com.
- **Urban Suburban Book Group.** Tues., Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discuss *The Pastor: A Memoir* by Eugene Peterson, translator of *The Message*. Contact: Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.
- **Horizons Bible Study.** Wed., Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Led by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Study of *Reconciling Paul—A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Contact: Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com.
- **Bible Study of Isaiah.** Sundays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Nicole Duran. Consider how this influential and poetic book understands justice, prophecy, and the messiah, and how it continues to influence Christianity. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.
- **The Birth Narratives in Matthew and Luke.** Sundays, Dec. 7 and 14, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Advent is the time to revisit the story of Christ's birth and discuss its background and meanings. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Children, Youth, and their Families

ART@9. Sundays, 8:45-9:50 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 201. Class provides nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children age 3 to grade 5 whose parents are attending BMPC classes. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

CASTING CALL FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. Calling all children who might participate as greeters, readers or actors... or contribute to sharing the good news of Christmas! For Dec. 24, we are preparing a 4:30 family service full of celebration for the birth of Jesus, and we need the names of young members by Nov. 15 to help bring the service to life. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY. Fri., Nov. 21, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Families are invited to a showing of "The Polar Express" and a pizza dinner. Children may wear pajamas and bring blankets. If you would like gluten-free pizza please let us know when you respond. Suggested donation: \$5 per person/\$20 cap per family. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

YOUTH SKI TRIP TO STOWE, VT. Fri., Jan. 16 - Mon., Jan. 19. This year we'll enjoy beautiful Stowe, VT and nearby Mt. Mansfield for our ski trip! The Round Hearth Lodge will accommodate us with hot chocolate and a hot tub after a full day on the slopes. On skis or board, it will be a great time and friends are welcome. \$399 due by Nov. 30, 2014; price increases to \$499 after Dec. 1, 2014. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

PREPARE SUPPERS FOR STUDENTS IN TUTORING PROGRAM, Tues, Nov. 18, 11:00 a.m. in our Main Kitchen , and Weds., Nov. 19, 11:00 a.m. in Gloucester Room. Join Presbyterian Women to make simple nutritious meals for the students of William Dick School who come to us for tutoring. Contact: Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net.

ASSIST THE LITTLE LIBRARY PROJECT. West Philadelphia students are building Little Free Libraries on the “Build-It Bus,” to make books available in the cities public parks. Help is needed weekdays through Nov. 20 from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. to work with students, provide home-baked snacks, or donate supplies. The Build-It Bus is a traveling workshop is supported by a BMPC grant. Contact: Sherina Poorman, brick476@verizon.net.

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS. Bring these items to our freezers in the Ministries Center and our Hunger Committee will share them with families in need during the holidays.

PROVIDE CHRISTMAS “ANGEL” GIFTS. Sponsor a child or family served by theVillage (formerly Presbyterian Children’s Village). You will receive a name and wish list of new items; deliver gifts (5-8 per child) to collection boxes in the Ministries Center or Ed. Building by Dec. 7. Thanks in advance for making this Christmas the best ever for our neighbors in need. Contact: bmpcangels@gmail.com.

SERVE WITH THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM. Help us extend the care and concern of our church by visiting the homebound or providing rides for older adults, meals for those in recuperation, prayer shawls for those in need of prayer or visits to the homebound. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

This Week’s Calendar Highlights

To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: www.bmpc.org

Sunday, November 16, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

Infant and Toddler Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.

- 8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg.
Meals in the New Testament, Witherspoon Parlor
The Story of the Jews with Simon Schama, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. 201
Filling the Well Women’s Group, Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Ages 2, 3 & 4, Ed. Bldg.
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-3rd Grade, Ed. Bldg.
4th & 5th Grade, Casserole Prep., Main Kitchen
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg, Lobby
Meals in the New Testament, Witherspoon Parlor
Mission Partner Presentation: Segs Girls School, Gloucester Room

Monday, November 17, 2014

9:15 a.m. Caring and Crafts, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor and Library
1:00 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

12:00 noon Lunch with Judy Wicks, Congregational Hall
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

Thursday, November 20, 2014

2:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group, Converse House Parlor and Library

Friday, November 21, 2014

6:00 p.m. Family Fun Friday, Congregational Hall

Saturday, November 22, 2014

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor and Library

Sunday, November 23, 2014

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Nicole Wilkinson Duran, Supply Pastor for Adult Education, Outreach,
and Worldwide Ministries

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

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Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840