

❖ Worship Notes ❖



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~ from *Vocation: Discerning Our Callings In Life*,
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We invite you to share your gifts and talents in leading worship during the 8:00 a.m. service. You may serve in a variety of ways, from welcoming others as an usher, reading prayers or scripture, serving communion, to providing special music or sharing other artistic gifts.

If you are interested in ushering, contact Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@comcast.net or 610-526-1802.

If you are an elder or deacon interested in serving communion, contact Joanne Hanna, joannehanna3@comcast.net or 610-356-9796.

If you would like to participate in other ways or explore how you might participate, contact Louisa Watkins Umphres, louisaumphres@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8828.



Elder Bob Guthrie is assisting with communion.



Due to HVAC construction, our 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship has moved from the Chapel to Congregational Hall throughout the summer.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

10:00 AM, SANCTUARY

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Burning Bush stained glass window by Carmen Katz, located in the Temple Beth Shalom Sanctuary, Chandler, AZ

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

~ Frederick Beuchner

Order of Worship

As we gather for worship, some prepare by greeting each other with words of peace, others with meditation and prayer. Please be respectful of how those around you prepare. Kindly refrain from taking photos or videos and please silence cell phones.

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Prelude from “Symphony I” Louis Vierne

WELCOME Joanne Fong

CALL TO WORSHIP Louisa Watkins Umphres

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: **Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: **Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.** ~ Psalm 105:1-4

† **HYMN 282** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Louisa Watkins Umphres

O Holy One, we call to you
and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love.
Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in our daily lives.
Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts,
and we hide our true feelings.
Sometimes fear makes us small,
and we miss the chance to speak from our strength.
Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness,
and we degrade our own purpose.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset,
remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us.

Free us from shame and self-doubt.

Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities
to live honestly, to act courageously, and to live out our purpose.
(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Louisa Watkins Umphres

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 579*)
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 Joanne Fong

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing
(See *Worship Notes* section for Sending Hymn.)

FIRST LESSON Romans 12:9-21 (*p. 159 in pew Bible*)
Louisa Watkins Umphres

SECOND LESSON Exodus 3:1-15 (*p. 50 in pew Bible*) Kellen A. Smith

SERMON *The Practice of Purpose* Kellen A. Smith

† **HYMN 525** Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD
(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) Joanne Fong
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of
humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and
present hope for humanity when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.
In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to men and women,
moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates
the new life in Christ. The members of the church are emissaries of
peace and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers and
authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight
against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger
human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose
rather than humanity’s schemes will finally prevail.

~ *Presbyterian Church Confession of 1967*

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

OFFERTORY Joanne Fong

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lift High the Cross arr. Donald Busarow
(See *Worship Notes* section for the text.)

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 592*)
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Louisa Watkins Umphres
AND 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.

† **HYMN 419** How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord REPTON

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE Kellen A. Smith

POSTLUDE Marche Episcopale Louis Vierne

† *Please stand, if able.*

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Go now, Children, with our Blessing



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.



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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ the Son of God. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Charles L. Andes
 and
 Alan Harding.



Dianne Heard will play the carillon following the service.



Due to HVAC construction, parking in back is limited. Those who are able to walk across the street comfortably are encouraged to park in the Harcum College lot.



Hearing devices are available for your use. You will find them in a black case on the shelf in the Narthex. Take an instruction card to learn the simple steps to turn on the device and plug in the earpiece. Large print resources are available for you at the same location.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR: August 28 - September 4, 2011

Sunday, August 28

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in **Congregational Hall**
The Rev. Kellen Smith will preach.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with the Summer Choir in the Sanctuary
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- Childcare for infants and toddlers, **Fullerton Room**, 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.
- 10:00 a.m. Church School for children ages 2 and 3 (by 9.1.10),
Gloucester Room
- 10:00 a.m. BLINK: Grades Pre-K -- 5 worship with families in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Youth In Worship (grades 6-12)
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship on the Lawn (or in the Ministries Center)
- 11:15 a.m. Youth Sunday School Teachers Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Monday, August 29

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Middleton Center
- 7:30 p.m. Recovery International, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, August 30

- 9:00 a.m. Constant Contact Training, Congregational Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room. 610-525-0766

Wednesday, August 31

No events scheduled.

Thursday, September 1

- 7:30 a.m. Major Gifts Meeting, Conference Room
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Converse House "Porch"
- 11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple
- 7:30 p.m. Interfaith Hospitality Network Board Meeting,
Conference Room

Friday, September 2

No events scheduled.

Saturday, September 3

No events scheduled.

Sunday, September 4

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CHILDCARE INFO/RESERVATIONS other than on Sunday morning, contact childcare e-mail: childcare@bmpc.org or childcare line: 610-520-8850.

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WELCOME TO BMPC, A COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, where questions can be asked, struggles shared, and hope revealed. We are glad you have chosen to worship with us and we hope you will return often.

If you have questions, concerns, or are new to us, please stop at the Welcome Center to the left of the main doors or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8809. All are invited for refreshments on the lawn at 11:00 a.m.

While many of our programs are on summer hiatus, a wide range of opportunities for enrichment and service begins soon. Church School for age 2 through grade 12 will begin on Sunday, September 11, and Sunday classes for adults will resume on September 18.

BMPC ON-LINE: Visit our website, www.bmpc.org, for our complete church calendar, audio files of sermons, ministry information and more. To receive our electronic newsletter, BMPC Enews, subscribe via our homepage or add your e-mail address to the fellowship register when it is passed. To learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), visit www.pcusa.org.

CHURCH NEWS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS. Sun., Sept. 4, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Bring your backpack to church for a special blessing and a surprise to start the new school year.

THE BRYN MAWR 100, HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE. Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., town-wide celebration within Bryn Mawr. Nineteen institutions, of which BMPC is one, are over 100 years old and still going strong. Come explore the rich history, games, music, sidewalk sales, and more. Info: 610-525-2700, ext. 296, or www.brynmawr100.org

A COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER: A MULTI-FAITH COMMEMORATION OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2011. Sun., Sept. 11, St. Luke United Methodist Church, 568 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. 3:30-4:00 p.m., personal prayer and meditation; 4:00-4:30 p.m., music and silent reflection; 4:30-5:00 p.m., multi-faith service. Join Main Line faith communities for this service of memory, healing, wholeness and hope.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY DINNERS. Beginning on Wed., Sept. 14. 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Connect with people of all ages for food and fellowship. Pig Daddy's Catering will feature a different menu each week.

INSTALLATION OF KELLEN SMITH. Sun., Sept. 18, 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Kellen will be installed as Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries at the first 2011-2012 Swell, a contemporary worship service. Come out to support our newest pastor!

BMPC PRESENTS A NEW PROGRAM YEAR IN SEPTEMBER

Sun., Sept. 11: Blessing of the Backpacks
 Thurs., Sept. 8: Senior Choir Rehearsal resumes
 Sun., Sept. 11: Church School (age 2 through grade 5) resumes
 Sun., Sept. 11: Youth (grades 6-12) program resumes
 Tues., Sept. 13: Y-Group Kickoff Brunch
 Weds., Sept. 14: Weekly Wednesday Dinners resume
 Weds., Sept. 14: Children's Choirs Rehearsals resume
 Sun., Sept. 18: Adult Education Sunday Classes resume

Enjoy fellowship and learn about our ministries at the

BMPC BLOCK PARTY

Sept. 25, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Premieres of *BMPC: Reflections of Time* documentary and *Children & Youth Video: Life and Hope for the Church*; 100th Anniversary Tours of Converse House; food by Pig Daddy's; folk music by John Flynn; face painting; balloon artist; games & more!

The Book Center and Library

THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, \$12. Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love*, said "Treat yourself to this book, please – I can't recommend it enough." PW Dimensions in Literature will be discussing it at its Sept. 20 meeting. Available in The Book Center in the Ministries Center. Key available at the Reception Desk.

INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THE LIBRARY? Check out our wish list at Amazon.com and consider purchasing one or more of these items. Click on Gifts & Wish Lists, enter our librarian's name (Kathleen MacMurray), and you will see our BMPC Converse Library's Wish List.

Sunday Adult Education Classes

THE CASE FOR GOD by Karen Armstrong. Sundays beginning on Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Paul MacMurray. Discussion of Part II – 1500 CE to the present. Explore the history of religious practices in different cultures.

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHIES. Sundays beginning on Sept. 18, 9:00 a.m., Converse house Parlor, led by the Rev.

Sherri Hausser. Explore excerpts from spiritual writings of the past while writing and sharing our own spiritual autobiographies.

COMPANIONS ON THE WAY: AN INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. Sun., Sept. 18, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Ellie Stratton and Ruth Workman of the Middleton Center. This class will lead you through the spiritual direction process, as well as ancient Christian discipline.

Adult Weekday Classes

PREACHER'S BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13, noon, Conference Room. Bring your lunch and meet with the preaching pastor for the upcoming Sunday to discuss the Bible text for the sermon.

TORAH (OLD TESTAMENT) STUDY OF HOSEA, Thursdays, 11:00 a.m., led by Rabbi Franzel, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood. BMPC contact: Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@comcast.net or 610-526-1802.

Children & Family Ministries

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backpack to church for a special blessing and a surprise to start the new school year.

BLINK (LOVE + INSPIRE + NURTURE) KIDS. Summer schedule: To welcome children into our faith community and embrace them on their spiritual journeys, we invite children ages 4 and up to worship with their families at the 10:00 a.m. service.

CHURCH SCHOOL. Children ages 2 and 3 (by 9.1.10), Gloucester Room, 10:00 a.m.

CHILDCARE for infants and toddlers, Fullerton Room, Sundays, 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.

Congregational Care

BMPC MEN'S GROUP. Our first meeting is Sat., Sept. 10 at 7:00 a.m. in Converse House Porch and Library. Join us for fellowship and lively discussions "beyond the water cooler" on topics of interest to men. Men of all ages are invited to participate. Contact: Lee Comer in the evenings, 484-524-8271.

Fine Arts

FALL REGISTRATION FOR CHOIRS. The Fine Arts Program has offerings for children and adults of all ages. Visit our website for details. To register, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, or 610-525-2821, ext. 8836.

FINE ARTS OUTREACH. Volunteers needed to lead 30-minute Fine Arts programs at retirement and nursing homes. Programs can be music, singing, travel slides, poetry readings, etc. To sign up, contact DeAnn Clancy at 610-525-8347 or deanncclancy@hotmail.com by Mon., Sept. 12.

Middleton Center

For more information about support groups, special events, counseling services or spiritual direction, contact the Rev. Joyce Krajian, 610-525-0766; mail@middletoncenter.org; or www.middletoncenter.org. Calls are confidential, scholarships available.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Sept. 6, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join others in this ancient symbol and prayer form. September's theme: Walking for Peace. Quiet music will play and a printed prayer reflection will be available.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Sept. 10, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. This ongoing support group is for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. Led by David Reed and Mary Joan Walheim. No cost. New and previous group members welcome.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MAY VOLUNTEER AT GOMPERS SCHOOL to staff a library, to assist in a classroom, to build an after-school literacy program. The rewards are great... the gift of a hug and smile from a little child. Contact: Helen Dennis, hbdennis@verizon.net

PW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Sept. 7, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom, led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Grant. This year's topic is Confessing the Beatitudes. First lesson: Matthew 5:3 and Luke 6:20, 24. A study book is available from Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com or 610-525-4469.

Senior Adults

SENIORS CLUB LUNCH. Wed., Sept. 21, noon, Congregational Hall. Guest speaker John Jenchura will discuss "Golf – A Good Walk and Then Some... A Quintessential History of the Game." Bring a bag lunch; coffee and sweets provided. All welcome.

Y Group

A PW group principally for women with elementary school-aged and younger children, but all women are welcome.

Childcare available for all events at the church. Reserve three days in advance: childcare@bmpc.org or 610-520-8850.

KICK-OFF BRUNCH. Tues., Sept. 13, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Speaker: Jacqui Van Vliet, new BMPC Director of Congregational Life. For more information: jenniferhuth@verizon.net

West Philadelphia

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Sept. 20, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor Porch. Discussion of *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vince. Contact: sherry.archer19@yahoo.com

Youth Ministries, Grades 6-12

KICKOFF MEETING FOR YOUTH AND PARENTS. Sun., Sept. 11, 11:15 a.m. - noon, Congregational Hall. Meet with Kellen and Rebecca to hear about the exciting youth ministry vision and programs for 2011-2012: Youth Group, Sunday School, Bible Study, Swell, Special Events, and Summer 2012. Oh yeah, bagels, coffee, and juice will be served.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Begins on Sept. 11. Middle School starts at 10:00 a.m. and meets in the Ed. Bldg., Room 205 and High School starts at 10:00 a.m. and meets in the Ed. Bldg., Room 206. Contact: Rebecca Alleva, rebeccaalleva@bmpc.org

YOUTH GROUP. Middle and High School. First meeting Sun., Sept. 11 at 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. This program provides youth with a safe place to ask questions, grow in faith, and have fun. Contact: Rebecca Alleva, rebeccaalleva@bmpc.org

BIBLE STUDY. First meeting Wed., Sept. 14, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Giving our time in a relaxed setting to become servant leaders through scripture.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE YOUTH ENEWS? Sign up by emailing amybauer@bmpc.org and begin receiving news updates, pictures and more!

Hunger Committee

HUNGER BASKETS are located in the church Narthex. Please consider bringing a can of food to worship each week. Don't leave our baskets empty!

HUNGER FACT. 415,000 Philadelphians were assisted in our local community food cupboards during 2010, a number that has more than tripled over the past five years.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 10, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall kitchen. Join us for our first blitz of the season, making nutritious and delicious casseroles for Philadelphia food cupboards. Or consider making your own casseroles and delivering them to the Hunger Task Force freezers. Recipes may be found on the Hunger Task Force food shelves in the Ministries Center. RSVP: Bob Weber, b2mw@aol.com by Wed., Sept. 7.

Outreach

UNITED COMMUNITY CLINICS. UCC works closely with members of the East Parkside community to diagnose and respond to their healthcare needs by providing clinical assistance, education, referral, treatment, and representation services. In 2010, UCC cared for more than 600 patients. Your pledge is working to help those without health insurance.

THE BMPC TUTORING PROGRAM is looking for adult group leaders for Tuesday evenings from 6:40 - 8:00 p.m. The program begins in late September. Contact: Sandra or Kyle Stephens, BMPCTutoring@gmail.com or 610-945-5864.

Worldwide Ministries

LEARN ABOUT THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS FACING THE PEOPLE OF APPALACHIA. Join us on Nov. 2-6 for a visit with our mission partner Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center (AMERC) and experience the Appalachian culture and traditions. Total cost (travel, lodging, most meals) \$800-\$900. Contact: LouisaUmphres@bmpc.org or CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.