

# Worship

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Sherrri Hausser

### 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.

### THE COMMUNION

*You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper. Please break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat, using the side aisle. If you prefer gluten- and casein-free bread, please partake from the center table. If you desire to be served in your seat, please raise your hand to alert an usher.*

### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Andante Cantabile

Flor Peeters

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michelle LaFarge

*Each petition concludes with the phrase*

*"Lord, have mercy on us."*

*The congregation responds with "Lord, hear our prayers and answer us."*

### MUSICAL RESPONSE AND SENDING



*All are invited to continue in a time of prayer and silence.*

*You may wish to move to the children's chapel at this time for personal prayer;*

*to light a candle, or to pray with a pastor.*

*Please depart in silence as you feel led.*

### GO IN PEACE.

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

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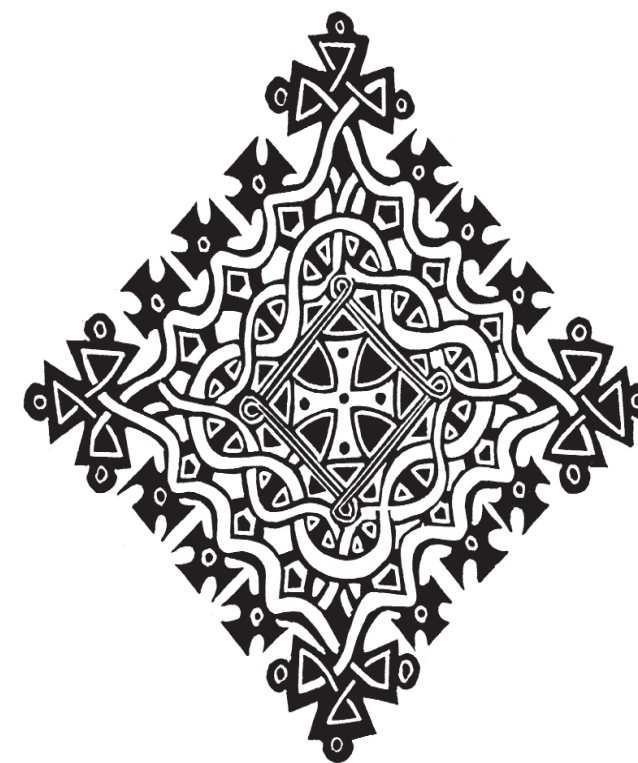
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## Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010, 8:00 AM, CHAPEL

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



*"The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
whom shall I fear?"*

# Order of

## ❖ Worship Notes ❖



**IF YOU ARE AN ELDER OR DEACON**

willing to serve communion,  
contact Joanne Hanna, hanna@upenn.edu or 610-356-9796.



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN USHERING**

for the 8:00 a.m. service,  
contact Phoebe Sheftel, Pasheftel@comcast.net  
or 610-526-1802



**MICHELLE LAFARGE**

is offering the Prayers of the People.



**DEACON BECKY BRINKS**

is reading the first lesson and assisting with communion.



**EVIE HEKKING**

is the usher for this morning's service.



**HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF : REACHING OUT TO OUR PARTNERS.**

**\$43,769 HAS BEEN RAISED TO DATE.**

The news of the earthquake in Haiti has impacted Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in a particular way. Our decade-long mission partnership with Beyond Borders connects us to this tragedy. Our partnership continues, and what Haitians need most are our gifts of money and our prayers. If you would like to provide financial support, write a check payable to BMPC with "Haiti Relief" on the memo line. All contributions will go to our partners working in Haiti. Submit to the Finance Office: BMPC, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 or place in the offering plate on Sunday. If you have medical skills, Beyond Borders may be able to connect you to a group going to Haiti. Contact the Revs. Sherri Hausser or Susan Sytsma Bratt, sherrihausser@bmpc.org or susansytsmabratt@bmpc.org.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

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*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.*

*Prayer cards may be filled out and brought forward during communion.*



**PRELUDE** Andante Flor Peeters

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Sherri Hausser

† **HYMN 85** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

**COMMON CONFSSION** (*in unison*) Sherri Hausser

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call  
ans - wer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and lis - ten to me. O

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (page 12) Becky Brinks

**SECOND LESSON** Luke 13:31-35 (page 77) Graham Ford

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Lamentable Graham Ford

# Worship

**OUR COMMON LIFE AND MINISTRY** Graham Ford (9:30)  
Kit Schooley (11:00)  
Ministry Moment: Carmen Lizardi on behalf of IHN

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Like as the Hart Herbert Howells  
*Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God. Yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me where is now thy God?*

† **DOXOLOGY** (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.

**SECOND LESSON** Philippians 3:17-4:1 (page 198) James L. Carter  
One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Citizens of Heaven; Dwellers in the Earth* James L. Carter

† **HYMN 261** God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us O QUANTA QUALIA

**COMMON PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Susan Rice  
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.

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**BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER** James L. Carter

**POSTLUDE** Prelude in a minor J.S. Bach

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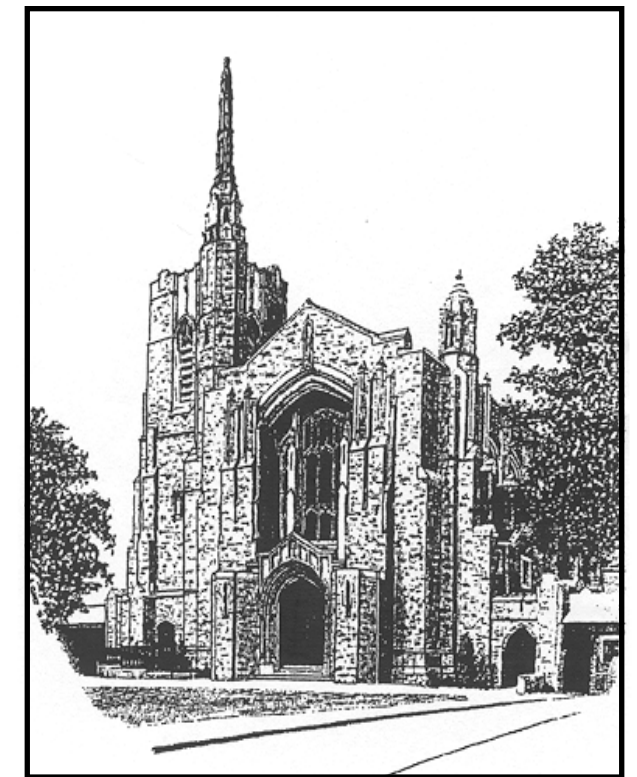
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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



*"...Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
and gazing intently up to heaven, saw the glory of God,  
and Jesus standing at God's right hand."  
Acts 7:54, 55*

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**PRELUDE** O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall J. S. Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Elizabeth Lovell

**Leader:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People:** **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**Leader:** One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**People:** **“Come,” my heart says, “seek the face of the Lord.” Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God!

† **HYMN 483** Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

**COMMON CONFESSION** (*in unison*) Elizabeth Lovell

Beloved God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, look with favor upon us as we confess our sin. Lift our minds from earthly things to the vision of your heavenly commonwealth. We revel in self-glory; we delight in vain pursuits; we worship the idols of our base desires. Forgive our shortsighted behavior and reconcile us, through Jesus, to your eternal will. Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*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’S MOMENT** (9:30) Susan Sytsma Bratt

**SENDING HYMN** (9:30) Go now, Children, with our Blessing

(See *Worship Notes* section for Sending Hymn)

**FIRST LESSON** Genesis 15:1-12 (page 12) Graham Ford (9:30)  
Kit Schooley (11:00)

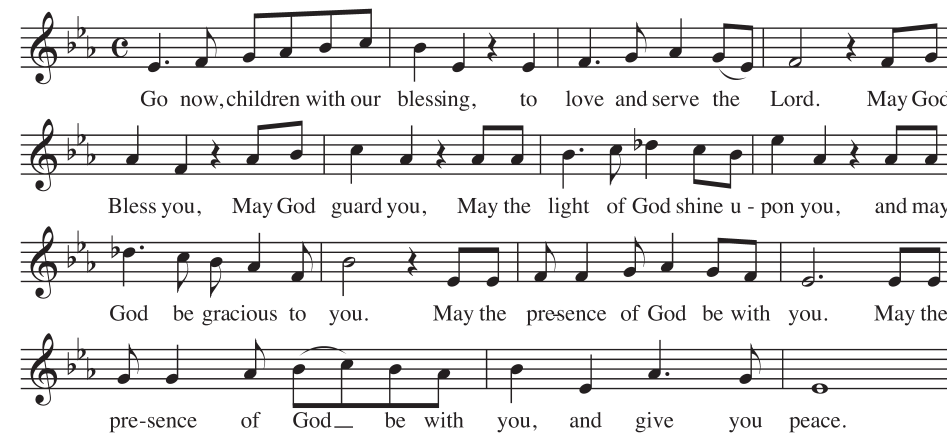
**ANTHEM** “Agnus Dei” from *Missa Gaia* Paul Winter

Ron Kerber, saxophone

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem.*

## ❖ Worship Notes ❖

### 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.

This morning’s anthem, “Agnus Dei” is from Paul Winter’s brilliant *Missa Gaia*, inspired by the whole earth ... known to the ancient Greeks as Gaia. Composed in 1980 following an inspiring visit to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, jazz great Paul Winter has created a joyous, celebratory mass that integrates world music with sounds made in the wild to celebrate the whole earth as a sacred space. The Senior Choir will perform *Missa Gaia* on Sunday, March 14, 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
**STEPHEN PAUL MCCONNELL**



**HELPING HANDS ARE AVAILABLE** before the 11:00 am service every Sunday in both the east and west driveways near the portico entrances to greet those who may need assistance disembarking from vehicles.



**HUNGER ENVELOPES** found in the pew racks may be placed in the offering plates.



**DIANNE HEARD** will be playing the carillon following this morning’s worship services.



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Large print resources and wireless hearing aids are available at both services. Ask an usher for assistance.

## Special Events

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** Friday, March 5, 10:00 am, Congregational Hall. Hosted by Presbyterian Women around the globe each year. All communities of faith are invited to join together as we fulfill the call of Psalm 150: "Let everything that has breath praise God." Fellowship, refreshments at 10:00 am followed by the service at 11:00 am. Focus will be on the struggles of women and children in Cameroon, West Africa as our prayers call for justice and peace. Come be a part of this special occasion and enjoy vibrant songs of Cameroon. Contact: Susn Bravo, B41793@aol.com or 610-578-0224.

**CENTER CITY LUNCH WITH JIM CARTER AT ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Thursday, March 11, 12:00 pm, 1724 Arch St., Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. James Carter invites BMPC's Center City commuters to join him at an informal lunch and tour of historic Arch Street Presbyterian Church. Arch Street's pastoral staff Rev. Bill Golderer, Rev. Carmen Goetschius and BMPC alumna Rev. Becky White Newgren will be on hand to discuss the storied past and exciting future of this awesome worship space. Learn about their new midweek ministry program including Wednesday lunchtime Bible studies and the monthly breakfast speakers' series. RSVP, Bill Smith at smithbrackett@verizon.net or 610-747-0360. \$5 suggested donation to cover sandwiches, salad, beverage and dessert. For more information: [www.archstreetpres.org](http://www.archstreetpres.org)

**"MALLS R US" – DOCUMENTARY FILM AT BRYN MAWR FILM INSTITUTE.** Thursday, March 18, 7:30 pm, 834 West Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr. A powerful documentary on how much mass consumption has shaped people's lives. Dr. Jon Pahl, popular teacher at BMPC, is featured in the film along with shots of BMPC. Dr. Pahl will lead a discussion immediately following the screening. Free will offering accepted at the door.

**SCIENCE AND SPIRIT LECTURE SERIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH METANEXUS INSTITUTE.** February 3 lecture rescheduled for Monday, March 22, 7:30 pm, Congregational Hall. Topic: *Teilhard's China Years* presented by Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, Professor of Physics at Chestnut Hill College. How did Jesuit paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin sustain his spirit under the burden of long years of exile and rejection by church authorities? Our speaker will explore the clues to Teilhard's spiritual depth and what it can teach us about our own.

**CPR/AED CLASS** for first-time learners or updates will be held on March 20, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm in Gloucester Room. Registrations: send \$45 check payable to BMPC, c/o Amy Bauer. Questions: [kathykreider@bmpc.org](mailto:kathykreider@bmpc.org) or x8832.

## Adult Education

**NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BOOK CENTER IN THE COURT: *Waking Up to This Day Seeing the Beauty Right before Us*, \$12; *Gift of the Red Bird, The Story of a Divine Encounter*, \$10.** Author Paula D'Arcy, an internationally known writer, retreat leader, and speaker will be the lecturer at the Middleton Center Symposium in April. The Book Center is open Sundays following services and on weekdays, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

**CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY.** Donations of books, videos and dvds welcome! The Library will keep whatever it can use and donate the rest to Radnor Library for its twice-annual sale. Also, some are sold in The Book Center and some go to Mission Relief Services to be distributed all over the world. Need pick-up? Call the librarian Kat MacMurray at 610-341-7946.

## Adult Sunday Classes

**NEW SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES:** One at 8:00 am, two at 9:30 am, two at 11:00 am

**SPEAKING OF FAITH BY KRISTA TIPPETT BOOK DISCUSSION.** 8:00 am, Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. This book discussion began in January and continues in February. Each class is individual and it is not necessary to attend all classes. Books available at class.

**LIVING WITH AN OPEN HEART: WAKING UP TO GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES.** Today only, 9:30 am, Witherspoon Parlor, led by Donna Holstein, Spiritual Director, Middleton Center. This class will focus on the writings of Paula D'Arcy, the 2010 Middleton Center Spring Symposium speaker. Although discussion will draw from several of D'Arcy's books, class participants are asked to read D'Arcy's newest book: *Waking Up to This Day*. Available in The Book Center

**SOUL SURVIVOR BOOK DISCUSSION.** 9:30 am, Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. James Leininger at two years old had nightmares of his fiery death as a World War II fighter pilot. This compelling story of the boy and his parents' reaction may cause you to rethink what it means to be human. Book available at class.

**BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.** 11:00 am, Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Graham Ford. What do fire from heaven, the sharing of goods, a Damascus road conversion, and an Ethiopian eunuch have in common? All are part of the story of the early church and inform how we might live as a church today. This four-week study explores the strange and wonderful world of Acts -- the continuation of Luke's "orderly account" of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**LENTEN PREPARATION: PAUSING ON THE ROAD TO JERUSALEM.** 11:00 am, Witherspoon Parlor. Led by Donna Barrickman and Tim and Jeannie Bickhart. Lent has long been a time set aside for making sacrifices, for "giving things up for Lent." It is also a time to ready our hearts and minds for Easter through study and prayer. Join us to read the Lectionary passages and consider themes of temptation, atonement, and grace.

## Adult Weekday Classes

**LAY-LED BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesdays (except 2nd Wednesday), 10:00 am, Fullerton Room, led by Elinor Snyder. Contact: Emily Parkin, [emparkin@yahoo.com](mailto:emparkin@yahoo.com) or 610-664-8380.

**TORAH (OLD TESTAMENT) STUDY OF EZEKIEL.** Thursdays, 11:00 am, led by Rabbi Franzel, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood. Come for a single session or as often as you like. BMPC contact: Phoebe Sheftel, [pasheftel@comcast.net](mailto:pasheftel@comcast.net) or 610-526-1802.

## Children's and Family Ministries

**FIFTH GRADE HYMNAL PRESENTATION.** Today fifth graders will receive Presbyterian hymnals during BLINK at the 9:30 am service of worship. The annual gift of hymnals honors John M. Moon, Clerk of Session Emeritus. A brunch for all fifth graders and their families will follow in Congregational Hall at 10:30 am.

**SATURDAYS AT ST. BARNABAS.** Saturday, March 13, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Meet at BMPC parking lot to travel to St. Barnabas, a transition shelter for women and their children. This mission opportunity is for adults and children ages 3 and older to visit the children for activities and snacks. Information: [Genevieve.McCormack@gmail.com](mailto:Genevieve.McCormack@gmail.com).

**REVISED DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP.** Due to weather related postponements at the end of the school year, new 2010 VBC dates are June 27 to July 1 (*Sunday – Thursday*). Theme: Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. For questions, more information or to volunteer: VBC Director Marcy DelOrefice, [marcydelorefice@aol.com](mailto:marcydelorefice@aol.com).

## Middleton Center

**WALKING THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER.** Thursday, March 11, 2:00 – 8:00 pm, Congregational Hall. Join others in this ancient symbol and prayer form. Quiet music will play and a printed prayer reflection will be available.

**SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF.** Saturday, March 13, 10:00 – 11:30 am, Middleton Center. An ongoing support group for those

copied 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.

**TOOLS FOR LIVING WITH CANCER.** Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 pm, Witherspoon Parlor. This month's focus: nutrition with Sandra Mowry, author and cancer survivor. No cost. Drop-ins welcome, but reservations are requested; 610-525-0766.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about support groups, special events, counseling services or spiritual direction, contact Karen Dunkman, [mail@middletoncenter.org](mailto:mail@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766 or visit our website: [www.middletoncenter.org](http://www.middletoncenter.org). All calls are confidential and scholarships are available.

## Music and Fine Arts

**SENIOR CHOIR PERFORMS MISSA GAIA.** Sunday, March 14, 4:00 pm., Sanctuary. The Senior Choir and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia will perform Paul Winter's jazz choral work *Missa Gaia*, a celebration of earth which features recorded sounds of animals in nature and visual images projected on a screen. Following the concert, a reception will be held in the Ministries Center to honor the performers and celebrate the opening of a new art exhibit called "The Essential Experience." Tickets: \$10 for adults; children under 18 free. Contact: [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org) or x8836 or purchase from any choir member.

**LENTEN MID-DAY ORGAN RECITALS.** Join us Tuesdays in March at noon to hear fabulous local organists perform for free in our Sanctuary. Don't miss the first recital in the series on March 2, which will feature our own Jeffrey Brillhart performing an improvised symphony and a duet with humpback whales. Contact: [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org) or x8836.

## Outreach

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 pm, Witherspoon Parlor. This month's selection is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout; originally planned for the February meeting (*canceled due to snow*) Book available in The Book Center.

## Presbyterian Women

**PW COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesday, March 10, 10:00 am, Witherspoon Parlor. Led by the Rev. Rice, [susanrice@bmpc.org](mailto:susanrice@bmpc.org) or x 8810.

**PW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesday, March 3, 10:30 am, Rosemont Presbyterian Village ballroom. "God's Concern for Justice". Joshua 20:1-9, 21:13-41. Led by the Revs. Kit Schooley and Elizabeth Lovell. Contact: Joyce Malott, [OKF405@erols.com](mailto:OKF405@erols.com) or 610-525-4469.

**PW Y-GROUP.** Tuesday, March 9, 9:15 am, Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for a discussion of *The Shack* by William Young led by the Reverend Susan Rice. The book is available the Book Center.

**PW CARING AND CRAFTS.** Monday, March 15, 9:15 am, Gloucester Room. Knitting and crocheting for those in need and fellowship for women of all ages. Contact: Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

**PW DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tuesday, March 16, 9:30 am, Witherspoon Parlor, 6:30 pm. Ministries Center Balcony. Discussion of *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho led by Miriam Vosburgh.

**PW "GIFTS OF WOMEN."** Sunday, March 21, 9:30 and 11:00 am services. Past PW Moderators will be among those recognized, as Presbyterian Women everywhere celebrate women's contributions to the work of the church. Reception following each service in the Court of the Ministries Center.

## Caring and Sharing

**SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS.** Please continue to pray for Army Lt. Robert "Kirk" Ryan, son of Steve and Janney Ryan, actively serving in Afghanistan; Army Cpl. Jeffrey VanDusen, son of Nancy and Robin VanDusen, who is on deployment in Iraq; and Air Force Col. Rick Murphy, son-in-law of Roberta and George Hollingshead, actively serving in the Emirates. If you have a loved one serving in the armed forces, contact Louise Huber, 610-658-9651.

## Homeless Task Force

**IHN TRAINING** will be held on Saturday, March 6, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, Gloucester Room. To attend or for further information, contact Sue White-Herchek at IHN, 610-277-0977.

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK GUESTS ARRIVE TODAY** and staying at BMPC until March 7. If you are able to assist, contact Elizabeth Chesick, 610-642-6381.

## Hunger Task Force

**HUNGER ENVELOPES.** Your contributions to the Hunger Fund (*white hunger envelopes in the pews*) go directly for food in emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations. Please give generously for those who are hungry.

## Senior Adults

**SENIOR ADULT BRUNCH.** Today, February 28, 12:15 pm, Congregational Hall. Senior Adult Council welcomes all to hear Joy Bergey from Penn Future discuss "Environmental Stewardship and Senior Adults". \$14.00 per person, payable at the door, to cover the cost of the meal. Checks payable to BMPC-Senior Adults.

## Youth

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT,** March 3 - 24. Join Rob, Lindsey and others from the congregation for the class, "Who Is Jesus Christ Today," led by Dr. Carter at 6:30 pm, followed by a Compline Service at 7:40 pm in the Sanctuary and devotions at 8:30 pm. [LindseyEvans@bmpc.org](mailto:LindseyEvans@bmpc.org)

**SWELL.** Today, February 28, 6:00-7:30 pm, Congregational Hall. All are invited for an alternative worship service sponsored by youth.

**BASKETS** are located in the church narthex and the chapel entrance to receive donations of canned foods which will be delivered to emergency food cupboards in Philadelphia and Chester. Will you consider bringing a can to worship every week to help those in need?

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help serve dinners at a West Philadelphia area soup kitchen from 5:45 to 7:00 pm on the following days: Mondays at the Newman Center, 3720 Chestnut Street; or Thursdays at St. Mary's Church, 3916 Locust Walk. Contact Rick Hamilton at [rhamilto@brynmawr.edu](mailto:rhamilto@brynmawr.edu).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, PARNET AND CHILD DAY WITH THE OTHER CARPENTER.** Parents, children (*age 10 and older*) and other interested individuals work in West Philadelphia homes for a special mission experience from 9:00 am-1:00 pm or leave as a group from BMPC parking lot at 8:30 am and return by 1:30 pm. Bring gloves and drinking water. For more information: [DougGetty@doug,gety@calibre.com](mailto:DougGetty@doug,gety@calibre.com) or 215-8177659.

## Hunger Fact:

Did you know that if food stamp benefits were reduced by 1%, more than 10,000 households would become food insecure in Philadelphia alone.

# Weekly Calendar: February 28 - March 7, 2010

# Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

## Our Common Life



### Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Worship with Communion, Chapel  
 8:00 am Adult Class: *Speaking of Faith* Book Discussion, Conference Room  
 9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary  
 9:30 am BLINK: K-5th graders begin worship with families in Sanctuary  
 9:30 am 5th Grade Hymnal Presentation, Sanctuary  
 9:30 am Adult Class: Living with an Open Heart: Waking Up to God's Presence in Our Lives, Witherspoon Parlor  
 9:30 am Adult Class: *Soul Survivor* Discussion, Conference Room  
 9:30 am Church School, Rainbows (*age 2 by 9/1/09*) - Lambs (*age 4 by 9/1/09*), Education Building  
 9:30 am Confirmation Class (*8th Grade*), Gloucester Room  
 9:30 am High School Sunday School, Loft  
 9:30 am Middle School Sunday School, Crypt  
 9:45 am K-5th grade classes meet in Education Building  
 10:30 am 5th Grade Family Brunch, Congregational Hall  
 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 am Adult Class: Bible Study - Acts, Conference Room  
 11:00 am Adult Class: Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem, Witherspoon Parlor.  
 11:00 am Art-at-11 for ages 3 and older, Room 201, Education Building  
 12:00 pm Tintinnabulators, Cancelled  
 5:00 pm Officer Training Event, Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Swell (*youth sponsored worship service*), Congregational Hall

### Monday, March 1

9:30 am Cardio Fitness, Carol Haldy, 610-525-6765, Gym  
 6:30 pm Deacons Services Council Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor  
 7:30 pm APNC for Youth Pastor, Conference Room  
 7:30 pm Community Forum with Charles Ramsey, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 2

8:30 am Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor & Library  
 9:10 am Yoga for Life, kcgagnier@verizon.net or 610-952-0622, Gym  
 10:00 am Macula Vision Research Foundation, Gloucester Room  
 10:30 am Tai Chi, Gym  
 12:00 pm Tuesday Noon Organ Recital, Sanctuary  
 1:30 pm Parkinson's Disease Support Group Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor  
 6:50 pm Tutoring Program, Education Building  
 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor  
 7:30 pm Youth Ministries Council Meeting, Lindsey's House  
 7:30 pm Career Counseling, Gloucester Room

### Wednesday, March 3

9:30 am Cardio Fitness, Carol Haldy, 610-525-6765, Gym  
 10:00 am Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Witherspoon Parlor  
 10:00 am Lay-Led Bible Study, Fullerton Room  
 10:30 am PW Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom  
 4:00 pm Homework Room, Gloucester Room  
 4:15 pm Carol Choir, Fine Arts Center  
 4:15 pm Alleluia Singers, Fine Arts Center  
 5:15 pm Alleluia Ringers, Fine Arts Center  
 5:15 pm Jubilate Ringers, Sanctuary  
 5:30 pm 1st Wednesday and Lenten Series Dinner, Congregational Hall  
 6:30 pm Lenten Series Class, "Who is Jesus Today?", Congregational Hall  
 6:30 pm Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center  
 6:30 pm Lenten Series Childcare and Homework Room, Rooms 101 & 102, Education Building

6:50 pm Tutoring Program, Education Building  
 7:00 pm Middleton Center Advisory Board, Conference Room  
 7:30 pm High School Bible Study, Lindsey's House  
 7:40 pm Lenten Compline Service, Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 4

8:30 am Morning Prayer Group, Chapel Meeting Room  
 9:15 am Yoga for Life, kcgagnier@verizon.net or 610-952-0622, Gym  
 11:00 am Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple  
 7:00 pm Senior Choir Extended Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center  
 9:15 pm Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### Friday, March 5

9:30 am Cardio Fitness, Carol Haldy, 610-525-6765, Gym  
 9:30 am Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center  
 10:00 am World Day of Prayer, Congregational Hall, Susan Bravo, B41793@aol.com or 610-578-0224  
 6:00 pm Family Fun Night, Congregational Hall

### Saturday, March 6

7:00 am BMPC Men's Group, Converse House Parlor and Library  
 9:30 am Extra Senior Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center  
 10:30 am IHN Volunteer Training, Gloucester Room

### Sunday, March 7

8:00 a.m. *Worship with communion in the Chapel.*  
*The Rev. Susan Sytsma Bratt will preach.*  
 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. *Worship with Senior Choir in the Sanctuary.*  
*The Rev. Dr. James Carter will preach.*  
*Childcare for infants and toddlers, Education Building, 8:15 am- 12:15 pm*

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 9:30 am High School Sunday School, Loft  
 9:30 am Middle School Sunday School, Crypt  
 9:45 am 3rd-5th graders remain in worship for the entire hour  
 9:45 am K-2nd grade classes meet in Education Building  
 10:30 am 5th Grade Family Brunch  
 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary  
 11:00 am Adult Class: Bible Study - Acts, Conference Room  
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 5:00 pm Officer Training Event, Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Middle School Small Group, Crypt

**WELCOME TO BMPC!** We are a community of people from many faith backgrounds who come to be encouraged and challenged by God and one another. Learn more about us at the Welcome Center to the left of the main entrance, and join us for fellowship in the lobby of the Education Building (10:30 am) or the Court of the Ministries Center (10:30 am and noon). To find meaningful ways to participate or to inquire about membership, contact Donna Barrickman, DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org or x8809.

We want everyone to feel comfortable here. If you need assistance, ask an usher or anyone wearing a name tag. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Education Building.

### LENTEN SERIES EVERY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 24

**5:30 PM DINNER, CONGREGATIONAL HALL.** Sign up at Reception Desk or email CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org. Family-friendly catered supper for all ages. \$5 per person, \$15 per family.

**6:30 PM CLASS "WHO IS JESUS CHRIST TODAY?"** led by the Rev. Dr. James Carter, Congregational Hall. Join us as we ask "Who is Jesus and why does he matter in our lives today?" Starting point for discussion: *Jesus the Savior* by William Placher, available in The Book Center.

**7:40 PM LENTEN COMPLINE SERVICE, SANCTUARY.** Take time out of your busy schedule for this special weekly service during Lent. The night prayer of Compline is not only spiritual but also practical, a sole point of calm in a hectic week. Darkness and heavy silence greet those who enter the Sanctuary. Candles offer the only light. Shortly before the service begins, the church bells clang, and then an unseen choir sings.

**Child care** is available for all ages during the Lenten Series and Compline Services. Contact Megan Forgie, mmforgie@gmail.com or x8850.

COMMUNITY FORUM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES WITH PHILADELPHIA POLICE COMMISSIONER CHARLES RAMSEY. Monday, March 1, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Topic: "Urban Crime, Whose Problem?" Commissioner Ramsey will share his views about resourceful crime fighting and the challenges and opportunities we face in making our city and region a safe place in which to live, work and play. Our free forums are made possible by the Anna and Herbert H. Middleton, Sr. Fund of the BMPC Foundation. All welcome; reservations are not necessary.

**THE APNC FOR YOUTH** has received more than 30 Personal Information Forms (PIFs) and expressions of interest. APNC members are assessing and discussing these in confidence. APNC members also continue to reach out in other ways, searching for potential candidates. If you know someone whom we should consider or know someone in a position to know of a potential candidate, please share your suggestions with Joan LaLeike at [joanlaleike@comcast.net](mailto:joanlaleike@comcast.net), Youth APNC member. The APNC thanks you for your prayers and asks that you continue praying for the spiritual guidance we need to discern how best we can serve the Lord and our church through this process. Updated APNC information is available at BMPC.org

**BMPC MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION RESCHEDULED.** Due to inclement weather, our winter orientation is now Today, March 7, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Extended care will be available for children who will join us for lunch at 12:30 pm. After attending orientation, new members will be welcomed by our Session at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 9, and received in worship on Sunday, March 14. Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org or x8809.

**BMPC IS PROVIDING "SECRET SAINTS" TO OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE AWAY AT COLLEGE OR PREP SCHOOL.** If you would like to be a Secret Saint, providing notes of encouragement and goodies around final exam time, contact LindseyEvans@bmpc.org or x8823.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE.** An important component of confirmation is the process of becoming connected to the larger congregation. Each confirmand is responsible for finding an adult sponsor in the church. Sponsors serve as friends and mentors with whom youth can discuss issues of life and faith. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, contact RobMcClellan@bmpc.org or x8822

**LEND A HAND ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.** Greeters, parkers, ushers and Ministries Center Court hosts all help make BMPC a welcoming place. If you are willing to help with these ministries of hospitality: contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org or x8809.