

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

8:00 AM, CHAPEL

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live." John 14: 18-19

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

As we gather for worship, we encourage you to spend time in prayer and reflection, guided by today's prelude music and the cover art and words of scripture.

PRELUDE Adagio for Strings Samuel Barber

WELCOME Susan Rice

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Come and Fill TAIZÉ



CALL TO CONFESSION Susan Rice

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.
We betray our neighbors, desert our friends,
and run in fear when we should be loyal.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we have not bound ourselves to you.
God, have mercy on us weak and willful people.
Lead us once again to your table
and unite us to Christ
who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.
To Christ be praise forever.
(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Susan Rice

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sing twice)* Jacques Berthier, 1979



HEARING THE WORD

We approach God's Word prayerfully, trusting that as Scripture is read and proclaimed, our hearts and minds will be opened to transformation and inspiration by the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION David Van Houten

FIRST READING 1 Peter 3:8-22 (p. 234 in pew Bible) David Van Houten

SECOND READING John 14:15-21 (p. 109 in pew Bible) Joanne Fong
One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Do You Believe in Love at First Sight? Joanne Fong

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*We respond to God's word with thanksgiving and prayer.
As we come forward to celebrate communion, we are invited to place offerings of prayer cards
and monetary gifts in the baskets located at the front of the Chapel.*

† **HYMN 339** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Susan Rice

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

*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 Aria Flor Peeters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joanne Fong

† **HYMN 342** By Gracious Powers INTERCESSOR

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE** Joanne Fong

One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE Recessional Gerald Near

† Please stand, if able.

❖ Worship Notes ❖

“... a Christian is not a man who never goes wrong, but a man who is enabled to repent and pick himself up and begin over again after each stumble because the Christ-life is inside him, repairing him all the time, enabling him to repeat (in some degree) the kind of voluntary death which Christ Himself carried out.

That is why the Christian is in a different position from other people who are trying to be good. They hope, by being good, to please God if there is one; or if they think there is not at least they hope to deserve approval from good men. But the Christian thinks any good he does comes from the Christ-life inside him. He does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us; just as the roof of a greenhouse does not attract the sun because it is bright, but becomes bright because the sun shines on it.

And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being in Christ or of Christ being in them, this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body.”

~ C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Mary Eleanor Mechem ~ May 8, 2011



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.



David Van Houten is assisting with communion.



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Cover Art: *Bread and Cup* by Joanne Fong

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*As Followers of Christ,
we welcome all.*

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 Adagio for Strings Samuel Barber

WELCOME Susan Rice

CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Lovell

One: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what the Lord has done for me.

**All: Truly God has listened
and given heed to the words of my prayer.**

One: You are blessed, O God, because you have not rejected my prayer,
or removed your steadfast love from me.

**All: I will come into your house and pay you my vows,
those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised
when I was in trouble.**

One: Let us worship God!

† **HYMN 457** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*in unison*) Elizabeth Lovell

Truly you have listened and given heed to the words of our prayers.
You have kept us among the living and have not let our feet slip. You
have tested and tried us, laid burdens on our backs, and let people ride
over our heads. We have gone through fire and through water; yet you
have brought us into a spacious place. We enter into the courtyard of
your sanctuary and offer you hearty thanksgiving. Be pleased with our
worship that we lay now before you and give heed to our voices as we
sing you our praises. Amen.

† **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 Susan Rice

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

FIRST LESSON Psalm 66:8-20 (*p. 528 in pew Bible*) Elizabeth Lovell

ANTHEM Witness Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the
Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night,
wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man
can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again."
He said, "Marvel not if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized." Then you'll be a
witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever
lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Phillistines. Then
old Samson went awandering about. Samson's strength was never found out. 'Til his wife sat

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upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!" Samson's wife, she talk
so fair Samson said, "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength
will come like a natural man." Cut it off! Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for
my Lord. There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

SECOND LESSON Acts 17:22-31 (*p. 137 in pew Bible*) James L. Carter

SERMON *Religious, Yes. But is it Christian?* James L. Carter

† **HYMN 313** Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY
(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (in unison)* Susan Rice

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus
Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY Susan Rice

OFFERTORY ANTHEM God Is Here! arr. John Ferguson

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller
measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied
skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts. Here are
symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in
speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each. Here our children
find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold, here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to
explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore. Lord of all, of Church
and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us
work Your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we
who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

† **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.

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AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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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 562** Eternal Father, Strong to Save MELITA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE James L. Carter

POSTLUDE Recessional Gerald Near

† *Please stand, if able.*

❖ 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
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

“With the promise of the Counselor comes an abiding sense of God’s presence. Jesus has said that he will not leave us alone. His followers will know that as God is in him, so will he dwell in them. As the assurance is given, a task is assigned. Christ’s commandments are at hand and they are to be kept. He is made manifest as his will is fulfilled. “

~ James G. Kirk, *When We Gather*

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Mary Eleanor Mechem ~ May 8, 2011

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Edward V. Dillon
Reverend Ray J. and Ruth Dollenmayer
Janet Miller
Holly Sanders Anderson
Richard T. Taylor

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Brian Middleton
will play the carillon following the service.

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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: May 29 - June 5, 2011

The Week of May 29 - June 5, 2011

Sunday, May 29

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*
The Rev. Joanne Fong will preach.
- 10:00 a.m. *Worship with the Senior Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. James Carter will preach.

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

- 8:30 a.m. *The Case for God: What Religion Really Means,*
Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Church School 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. Café in the Court

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

Office Closed. No events scheduled.

For pastoral emergencies, call the church office, 610-525-2821.

Tuesday, May 31

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gym
- 1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room,
Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Graduation Dinner for High School Seniors, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Adult Council, Converse House Parlor and Library
- 7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, June 1

- 9:30 a.m. Cardio Fitness, Gym
- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Coffee Cup Bible Study, Off Campus

Thursday, June 2

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gym
- 11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Carillon Concert, Front Lawn

Friday, June 3

- 9:30 a.m. Cardio Fitness, Gym

Saturday, June 4

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Converse House Parlor and Library

Sunday, June 5

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in Congregational Hall*
The Rev. David Van Houten will preach.
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- 10:00 a.m. BLINK: Grades Pre-K - 5 worship with families in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Reception, Front Lawn (weather permitting)
- 11:00 a.m. Communion Training, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Class: Christian Hospitality as Peace-Building,
Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. Interreligious Coordinating Council of Israel Program,
Conference Room
- 11:30 a.m. Children's and Family Ministries Council Meeting,
Gloucester Room
- 1:00 p.m. *Living in Bryn Mawr: An Open House Tour,*
Converse House Parlor

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

WELCOME TO BMPC where we put our own needs and fears to rest and discover a source of trust and hope in God. We invite you to be with us regularly and to participate in any of our opportunities that interest you. To learn more about our community of Christian faith, stop at the Welcome Center to the left of the main doors.

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

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE invites you to share your knowledge with it in the search for a new pastor. To recommend a possible pastoral candidate or an individual with whom the PNC should network, please fill out the Senior Pastor Recommendation Form online, or pick up a copy in the Narthex or Ministries Center.

NEXT SUNDAY (JUNE 5) IS RESIDENTS' SUNDAY. We will celebrate the work of our pastoral residents Elizabeth Lovell, Joanne Fong and Louisa Watkins Umphres. We also will wish Elizabeth well in her next call as the Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Mission at Harundale Presbyterian Church in Glen Burnie, MD. The congregation is invited to a light brunch at 9:00 a.m. in Congregational Hall to honor the residents and hear about their work and to a reception for Elizabeth on the lawn after the 10:00 a.m. service.

SUSAN RICE'S last Sunday with us as our Associate Pastor for Congregational Life will be June 19, when we will thank her and wish her well at a farewell reception at 11:00 a.m. NOTES OF APPRECIATION AND FAREWELL to be included in an album for Susan may be placed in Donna Barrickman's office mailbox in the Ministries Center through Sunday, June 12.

KELLEN SMITH'S call as our Associate Pastor for Youth was approved by our congregation last Sunday and by the Philadelphia Presbytery on Tuesday. Kellen will be ordained in his home church in Delray Beach, Florida on June 19. He will begin his ministry with us on July 1.

PENTECOST OFFERING THROUGH JUNE 12. An opportunity to help children at risk, youth, and young adults: 40% goes to our tutoring program and 60% to child advocacy, youth ministry, and young adult volunteers. Please use envelopes in the pews or mark your check "Pentecost Offering."

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP, OR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CAMP at the Philadelphia Presbytery's Camp Kirkwood. It's not too late! More details inside, or online at www.bmpc.org

LIVING IN BRYN MAWR, AN OPEN HOUSE TOUR. Sun., June 5, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Lower Merion Conservancy's walking and driving tour of homes 100 years or older. Cost: \$35 LMC members, \$40 non-members. Meet at Converse House Parlor. Info: www.lmconservancy.org

The Book Center and Library

THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE by Karen Armstrong, \$12. In this memoir, Armstrong, a writer of comparative theology, describes her experiences, her struggles with illness, and her spiritual journey. Available in The Book Center, open following services and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY. Have you visited this BMPC treasure? Located upstairs in the Ministries Center, it is open whenever the Ministries Center is open.

Sunday Adult Education Classes

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE CASE FOR GOD: WHAT RELIGION REALLY MEANS by Karen Armstrong. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Discuss this nuanced exploration of the role that religion plays in human life, drawing on the insights of the past in order to build a faith that speaks to the challenges of our dangerously polarized age.

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY AS PEACE-BUILDING. (NO CLASS TODAY) Sundays through June 5, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by Dr. Jon Pahl. Scriptural and historical exemplars encourage us to pursue a more just and peaceful America.

VISIT BAWA MUHAYADDEEN FELLOWSHIP & MOSQUE. Today, noon - 2:00 p.m. Opportunities to tour, meet members of a different religious community, reflect, and ask

questions. This Gateway to Religious Communities program is organized by the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia. For location and info: leslie@interfaithcenterpa.org

INTERRELIGIOUS COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ISRAEL (ICCI) PROGRAM. Sun., June 5, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Rabbi Ron Kronish, Director, presents an update of the program *Palestinians and Israelis Work for Peaceful Co-existence*. Learn how your pledge dollars are changing the world.

PAM'S CRÈCHE, SOUTH AFRICA: NURTURING OUR PARTNERSHIP. Sun., June 12, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Presentation by BMPC member Betsy Miller on her visit to the Pastoral Centre Pre-School and Crèche.

Summer Class

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN THE WORLD based on *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Begins Sun., June 19, 9:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by members of the Adult Education Council. Join us as we discover how to encounter God in everyday life.

Adult Weekday Classes

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's & Family Ministries

REGISTER ONLINE NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Deadline June 1. *Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid!* Sun., Jun. 26, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Jun. 27 - 30, 9:00 a.m. - noon. New for Grades 3 - 5: extended

hours Mon., Tues. and Wed., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Register at www.bmpc.org. Info: MarcyDelorefice@aol.com or 610-449-0612.



BMPC (LOVE + INSPIRE + NURTURE) KIDS. Summer Schedule. To welcome children into our faith community and embrace them on their spiritual journeys, we invite all children ages 4 and up by 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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP. June 26 to June 30. Join the fun! Adult and youth volunteers will explore *Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid!* along with the children. Sign up to volunteer, or register a child at www.bmpc.org. Questions: MarcyDelorefice@aol.com or 610-449-0612.

Fine Arts

BMPC'S ANNUAL CARILLON CONCERT SERIES. Thurs., June 2, 16, 23, and 30, 7:00 p.m., rain or shine. Featuring professional carillonists as well as our own BMPC players. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org or 610-520-8836.

SUMMER CHOIR. Begins Sunday, June 19. All singers (ages 12 to adults) are invited to come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), informal (no robes), and friendly. No long-term commitment, no need to sign up in advance. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8836.

Middleton Center

For more information about support groups, special events, counseling services or spiritual direction, contact Joyce Krajian, 610-525-0766, mail@middletoncenter.org, or visit our website: middletoncenter.org. All calls are confidential and scholarships are available.

SUMMER TAI CHI DROP-IN CLASSES. Mon., Jun. 6 - Aug. 15, 9:00 a.m. . Middleton Center, Rm. 201. This 90-minute moving meditation complements all styles of exercise. Benefits include stress reduction, arthritis management, and balance and coordination enhancement. \$15 per class. 610-525-0766.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Jun. 11, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. An ongoing support group 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)

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Jun 1, 10:00 a.m. Meet at Meg Mechaelis' home, 10:00 a.m. - noon for class, followed by potluck luncheon. Contact: MegMichaelis@verizon.net.

GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS. Work alongside students at Presbyterian Children's Village for planting and garden maintenance. For more information: Betty Wu, efwu@pcv.org

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE BACKPACK PROJECT. Sponsor a child at Presbyterian Children's Village by purchasing a backpack and filling it with school supplies. Return to Ed. Bldg. lobby drop box by Aug. 5. Contact: Linda Hauptfuhrer, lindah.w@comcast.net for a child's name and wish list.

Senior Adults

PRIME TIME: TOUR GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE GARDENS, Saturday, June 4. Carpool to Hamilton, New Jersey. View works by well-known and emerging contemporary sculptors. Cost: \$25.00 per person includes boxed lunch. RSVP with check payable to BMPC, attn: Amy Bauer. Questions and departure time: Dede Shafer, shafer860@verizon.net

Youth Ministries (Grades 6-12)

STAY CURRENT WITH BMPC YOUTH EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE! Visit www.bmpc.org/youth.htm to get more information or search for "BMPC Youth" on Facebook.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER CAMP! Middle & High School Camp at the Philadelphia Presbytery's Camp Kirkwood, Sun., Aug. 7 - Sat., Aug. 13. Registration and \$450 due by June 1. Info: www.bmpc.org/youth/summer/summer.html.

VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED for Youth Program at Camp Kirkwood, Aug. 7 - 13. Contact: RebeccaAlleva@bmpc.org or 610-520-8823.

Congregational Care

MINISTRIES CENTER RECEPTIONIST. Serve as a Minister of First Impressions. Assist in greeting visitors, answering phones, giving directions and info. Training provided. Contact: Sue Gibbons, bmpcvolunteer@bmpc.org or 610-520-8831.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND. Visit a homebound church member to share the love of Christ and the compassion of BMPC. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org or 610-520-8832.

Please keep the **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE** in your thoughts and prayers as it seeks a new pastor.

Hunger Committee

FOOD BASKETS are located in the church Narthex and the Chapel entrance. Consider bringing a can to worship every week to help those in need. Hunger persists even in summer!

HUNGER ENVELOPES. Your contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

Outreach

THE OTHER CARPENTER. For over nine years TOC has offered a helping hand to low to moderate income homeowners in the Parkside, Mantua, and Belmont communities of West Philadelphia by providing home repair assistance. Our confirmation class youth work with The Other Carpenter every second Sat., Feb. through June. Your pledge dollars keep this program alive!

West Philadelphia

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Wed., June 21, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows (available in The Book Center). Contact: Sherry Archer, sherry.archer19@yahoo.com or 215-473-4327.

Worldwide Ministries

MISSION PARTNER UPDATES: INTERRELIGIOUS COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ISRAEL DIRECTOR visits on Sun. June 5, 11:15 a.m. Betsy Miller will speak about **Pam's Creche** in South Africa on Sun., June 12, 11:15 a.m. More information and locations in Adult Education Classes section.