

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011

8:00 AM, SANCTUARY

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
For great is the Lord,
and greatly to be praised...”

~ Psalm 96:1, 4a

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

As we gather for worship, we encourage you to spend time in prayer and reflection.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Joanne Fong

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Be With Me

Joseph Browne



CALL TO CONFESSION

Joanne Fong

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lover of justice, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve you is to obey you. At times fidelity to others gets in our way. Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare. Mores and customs become mandates; higher loyalties are put aside. We confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face obligations, and reclaim us from error when we do not obey your will.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joanne Fong

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sing twice)*



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

Bill Hanna

FIRST READING

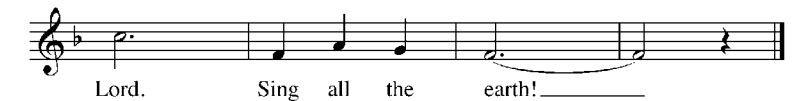
Isaiah 45:1-7 *(p. 674 in pew Bible)*

Bill Hanna

PSALTER

Psalm 96

All sing at the Cantor's cue:



SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *(p. 203 in pew Bible)*

James L. Carter

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

SERMON

God in Our Lives

James L. Carter

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 Sanctuary.

† HYMN 289

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Joanne Fong

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joanne Fong

† HYMN 192

God, Our Help and Constant Refuge

MICHAEL

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

James L. Carter

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

POSTLUDE

† *Please stand, if able.*

❖ Worship Notes ❖

Third Graders Receive Bibles today at the 10:00 a.m. service.

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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, elders contact Anita Iyengar at 610-645-6044 or aniiye@comcast.net and deacons contact Bill Matthai at 610-668-1842 or William.Matthai@uphs.upenn.edu

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 Bill Hanna is assisting with communion.



The schedule calls for our 8:00 a.m. Worship to return to the Chapel in late October.

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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.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Prelude on Psalm 37 Herbert Howells
WELCOME Sherri Hausser
CALL TO WORSHIP Jacqui Van Vliet

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
All: **Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
One: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
All: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**
One: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
All: **Let us worship God.**

† **HYMN 455** All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Jacqui Van Vliet
Lover of justice, distinctions become blurred when we are called on to serve you. We have been taught that to serve you is to obey you. At times fidelity to others gets in our way. Societal pressures appeal to that sense of security that speaks to our welfare. Mores and customs become mandates; higher loyalties are put aside. We confess our mixed allegiance. Have mercy upon us as we face obligations, and reclaim us from error when we do not obey your will.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jacqui Van Vliet

† **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 AND BIBLE PRESENTATION to 3rd graders Jacqui Van Vliet

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

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 45:1-7 (*p. 674 in pew Bible*) Sherri Hausser

ANTHEM My Eyes for Beauty Pine Youth Chorale Herbert Howells
(See *Worship Notes* section for text.)

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (*p. 203 in pew Bible*) James L. Carter

SERMON *God in Our Lives* James L. Carter

† **HYMN 289** O God of Every Nation LLANGLOFFAN
(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) Sherri Hausser

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.

~The Apostles' Creed

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

OFFERTORY Sherri Hausser

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Will Greatly Rejoice Knut Nystedt
(See *Worship Notes* section for 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*) Jacqui Van Vliet

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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 192** God, Our Help and Constant Refuge MICHAEL

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE James L. Carter

POSTLUDE "Hills in the Springtime," from *Taiwanese Suite* Chelsea Chen

† *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 presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

ANTHEM My Eyes for Beauty Pine Herbert Howells
Youth Chorale

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God's grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Will Greatly Rejoice Knut Nystedt
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, for my soul shall exult in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations!

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
W. Henry Cordray Jr. and Shirley Staples Kelly



The flowers in the Chapel Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Elizabeth Martin Bates



Brian Middleton 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.



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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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Childcare for infants and toddlers, Ed Bldg, Room 102, 7:45 - 11:15 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Adult Class: *The Case for God*, Conference Room
8:45 a.m. Grade 3 Family Breakfast, Congregational Hall
9:00 a.m. Adult Class: *When the Walls Come Tumbling Down*, Ed. Bldg.
9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir School, Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. Art @ 9 for age 3 and older, Ed. Bldg, Room 201
9:00 a.m. Adult Class: *Spiritual Autobiographies*, Converse House Mtg. Room
10:00 a.m. BLINK: Grades K-5 begin worship with families in Sanctuary.
10:00 a.m. Church School for children 2 (by 9.1.2011) - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Middle School Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Room 205
10:00 a.m. High School Sunday School, Ed. Bldg., Room 204
10:15 a.m. Grades K-2 classes meet in Ed. Bldg.
10:15 a.m. Grades 3-5 remain in worship the entire hour
11:15 a.m. Adult Class: What's New about the Old Bible Stories, Conference Rm.
11:15 a.m. Faith in Practice Presentation, Converse House Mtg. Rm.
4:00 p.m. SWELL: A Contemporary Worship Service, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 17, 2011

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Middleton Center
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Pastors Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Conference Room
7:30 p.m. PNC, Converse House Meeting Room - 1st Fl.
7:30 p.m. Recovery International, Converse House Porch & Library

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

7:30 a.m. Foundation Development Committee, Conference Room
8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Mtg. Room
9:30 a.m. PW Hospitality Coordinators, Pastors Conference Room
9:30 a.m. PW Dimensions in Literature, Converse House Porch & Library
12:00 p.m. Preacher's Brown Bag Bible Study, Conference Room
1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Conference Room, Converse House Mtg Room
6:50 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Council, Converse House Porch & Library
7:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Off campus
7:15 p.m. Congregational Care Council Meeting, Congregational Hall
7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

10:00 a.m. PW Coffee Cup Bible Study, Converse House Mtg. Room
12:00 p.m. Senior Club Lunch, Congregational Hall
4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Fine Arts Center Kitchen
4:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center Main Room
5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, Fine Arts Center Kitchen
5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Boy Choir, Fine Arts Center Bell Room
5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center Main Room
5:00 p.m. Weekly Wednesday Dinner, Congregational Hall

5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study, Congregational Hall
6:30 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center Main Room
6:50 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Caregiver Support Group, Converse House Porch & Library
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Conference Room
7:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center Main Room

Thursday, October 20, 2011

7:30 a.m. Major Gifts Meeting, Pastors Conference Room
8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Converse House Porch & Library
11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple
6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee, Pastors Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir, Fine Arts Center Main Room
7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Mtg., Conference Room

Friday, October 21, 2011

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center

Saturday, October 22, 2011

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Porch & Library
10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Ed. Bldg. Room 201

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11:15 a.m. Capital Campaign Property Tours, Converse House Mtg. Room
2:00 p.m. Double Piano Recital, Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Youth Group, Hayride and Corn Maze, Shady Brook Farm

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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Our Common Life



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WELCOME TO BMPC where we study God's Word, share it with our children, and are encouraged to live faithfully. We hope you will join us often in the coming months as we focus on "Exploring the Story" of our Christian faith (our theme for the year). We are excited to begin a new season of growth and discovery - both personally and as a church community in our journey in faith together.

Questions? Visit our Welcome Center to the left of the main doors and if you have a question or need, ask an usher or anyone wearing a nametag. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Education Building. All are invited for refreshments and fellowship at Café in the Court of the Ministries Center at 11:00 a.m.

Looking for a church home or just curious to know more about us? Plan to attend our membership orientation next Sunday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Our pastors will acquaint you with our Reformed tradition, our denomination as it compares to others, and our goals for Christian ministry. Childcare is available, and children will join us for lunch at 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, or 610-525-2821 ext. 8809.

BMPC ON-LINE: Check our website, www.bmpc.org, for our church calendar, pastors' blogs, sermon files, newsletters, 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.

TODAY

3RD GRADE FAMILY BREAKFAST AND BIBLE PRESENTATION. 8:45 A.M. Congregational Hall. Meet in Sanctuary for Bible presentation at 10:00 a.m. worship.

GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION PARTNER PRESENTATION 11:15 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. The Rev. Linda L. McCarty, Chief Executive Officer of Faith in Practice, BMPC Shaul Award recipient, will share stories of their work in Guatemala.

SWELL WORSHIP SERVICE. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a contemporary worship service for all ages with a sermon by the Rev. Kellen Smith and special music from the Youth Chorale. Come as you are to meet the Spirit!



DID YOU KNOW?

The Other Carpenter provides home repair services to a section of the city near Fairmont Park, recorded 3,800 hours of strictly volunteer time during 2010. The Hunger Committee, devoted 1,200 hours in 2010 to the preparation and distribution of casseroles and food to a number of locations in Philadelphia.

Learning and Connecting

BE A "SECRET SAINT." Each fall many of our youth leave to start new adventures in college or boarding school. Sponsor one of our many students for one year or more. Secret Saints send goodies and cards and keep students in prayer. Contact RebeccaAlleva@bmpc.org or 610-520-8823.

FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN: 11:15 a.m., Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20, Converse House Meeting Room. Join members of the Property Committee to tour some of the improvements being made to the campus as part of the Forward in Faith capital campaign.

The Book Center and Library

THE GREEN DEVOTIONAL: ACTIVE PRAYERS FOR A HEALTHY PLANET by Karen Speerstra \$5. Secular and sacred, ancient and new a collection of words for contemplation and action. The Book Center is open following services and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Key is available at the Reception Desk.

Sunday Adult Education Classes

For info: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8819.

THE CASE FOR GOD BY KAREN ARMSTRONG. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Discussion of Part II, 1500 CE to the present. Explore the history of religious practices in different cultures.

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHIES. Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Led by the Rev. Sherri Hausser. Explore excerpts from spiritual writings of the past while writing and sharing our own spiritual autobiographies.

WHAT'S NEW ABOUT THE OLD BIBLE STORIES. Sundays, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Led by Dr. Erik Heen of Lutheran Theological Seminary. Discussions of Gospel stories we learned as children and what they tell us today.

WHEN THE WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN. Muriel Ricker: Today - Oct. 23, 9:00 a.m., Ed Bldg. Discussion focuses

on the effect of divorce on children and how to respond. Book is available in the Book Center.

MY FAITH, MY FINANCES: Sun., Oct. 30, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Led by the Rev. R. Charles Grant and BMPC members. Come learn how your peers grapple with the challenges of faith-finance.

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RELIGION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK? Sun., Nov. 6, 11:15 a.m. Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray will answer your questions. Come prepared with questions or just to listen to others questions.

Adult Weekday Classes

PREACHER'S BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY. Tuesdays, noon, Conference Room. Bring your lunch and meet with the preaching pastor for the upcoming Sunday to discuss Matthew 22:34-46 for the sermon.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays., 10:00 a.m. See info under Presbyterian Women.

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.

Middleton Center

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

TAI CHI DROP-IN CLASSES. Mondays, 9:00 a.m., Middleton Center, Room 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.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AT THE MIDDLETON

CENTER: This practice is an ancient spiritual discipline of companionship on the journey of faith. It is a confidential relationship that focuses on listening for God's presence and expressing faith in creative and life-affirming commitments. Group spiritual direction is a way to honor the call to a deeper relationship with God within a small prayerful community that meets regularly for contemplative sharing. Please call if you are interested in either group or individual spiritual direction. 610-525-0766.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER: Tues., Nov. 1, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join others in this ancient symbol and prayer form. The theme for the month of November is Gratitude. Quiet music will play and a printed prayer reflection will be available.

Fine Arts

DOUBLE PIANO RECITAL. Sun., Oct. 23, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward perform works for two pianos, four hands and piano with organ by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Claude Debussy, Robert Schumann, Charles Callahan, Florent Schmitt, and Rheinhold Glière. Free-will offering.

Senior Adults

PATHWAYS TO LEARNING: Trip to Odessa, DE, Dec 3. Christmas in Odessa is a self-guided walking tour of private homes and public buildings, decorated for the holidays. Lunch is on your own at Odessa Fire Hall. Mail check for \$45 payable to BMPC/Senior Adults, to BMPC, Attn. Amy Bauer. RSVP by Nov. 10. Bus departs 9:00 a.m., back parking lot. Returns by 4:00 p.m.

SENIOR ADULT BRUNCH: Sun., Nov. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Senior Adult Council welcomes all to hear guest speaker Ted Goldsborough, Immediate Past President of Lower Merion Historical Society. \$15/person. Mail check to BMPC, attn. Amy Bauer.

Youth Ministries, Grades 6-12

HAYRIDE AND CORN MAZE. Sun., Oct. 23, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m., Shady Brook Farm, Yardley, PA. Youth group will meet Kellen and Rebecca in the Court

of the Ministries Center and travel to Shady Brook Farm to enjoy an autumn afternoon together. \$15 per person. Turn in permission slip by TODAY to Rebecca Alleva. Volunteer Adult Drivers needed. Drivers must have completed and passed BMPC background checks. Contact RebeccaAlleva@bmpc.org if you are available.

YOUTH GROUP: Sun., Oct. 30, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Costume contest and party. Join us for a special Halloween Youth Group gathering. We'll have snacks and drinks, music and games, and the winner of the costume contest will get a gift card for ice cream!

Children & Family Ministries

ART @ 9. Sundays, 9:00 - 9:50 a.m., Rm. 201, Ed. Bldg, for children ages 3 and older. Nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children whose parents are attending BMPC classes.

BLINK: BMPC (love + inspire + nurture) Kids. To welcome children into our faith community and embrace them on their spiritual journeys, we invite children K-5 to begin worship with their families at the 10:00 a.m. service, Sanctuary.

SURVIVING DIVORCE. TODAY 9:00 a.m., Room 101, Ed Bldg. Join church member Muriel Ricker, author of *When the Walls Come Tumbling Down*. Sessions for divorcing and divorced parents as well as their extended families and caregivers, will focus on such issues as managing anger, when and how to tell children, and what children experience through the divorce process.

Young Adults

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION. Join us every other Thursday at Saxby's to chat Bible, theology, and life in general. Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m. No prep, no pressure. Just show up! louisaumphres@bmpc.org

Presbyterian Women (PW)

ANNUAL PW CONTRIBUTIONS: Send donations to: Presbyterian Women, BMPC, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

Caring and Sharing

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Weds., 10:00 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Led by the Rev. Joanne Fong. Discussion of *Mark for Everyone* by N.T. Wright.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Led by Joan Lynch, author of *Women of the Passion*. An examination of the resurrection of Christ as told through the women who knew him best. Eric Johnson: johnsone@cpenow.com or 610-668-4844.

WELCOME BRUNCH. Sun., Oct. 23, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall, sponsored by Presbyterian Women, Family Ministries and Youth. Join us in welcoming Jacqui Van Vliet, Director of Congregational Life, and the Rev. Kellen Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries, and Kellen's wife Sara. RSVP by Oct. 17: Kay Miller, 610-527-9064 or Anne Lee, 610-519-0726 or aleeclee@aol.com.

CARING AND CRAFTS: Mon., Oct. 24, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Create items for children and teens at Presbyterian Children's Village. Maryalice Stoltzfus 610 527-3909.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Oct. 24, 1:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Janet Ahlquist, pianist, of Immaculata University. Refreshments and fellowship precede program.

GREAT DECISIONS: Tues., Oct. 25, 12:45 p.m., Rosemont Village Auditorium. Video and discussion on "Global Governance." Marilyn.Irwin@presbyinspiredlife.org

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: Wed., Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. Led by the Rev. Charles Grant. Confessing the Beatitudes in the literary, historical and cultural contexts of Jesus' time. Joyce Malott 610 525-4469, okf405@erols.com

Y Group

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL EVENTS AT THE CHURCH. Reserve three days in advance: childcare@bmpc.org or 610-520-8850.

Y-GROUP BOOK GROUP. Tues., Oct. 25,

7:30 p.m., at home of Kristin Chettle. Discussion of *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. An unlikely friendship of brothers-in-arms drives this powerful novel to its inexorable conclusion. Book available in The Book Center.

West Philadelphia

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP Tues., Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m., Wynnefield Presbyterian Church, 2249 N. 54th St., Philadelphia. Discussion of *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. sherry.archer19@yahoo.com

Worldwide Ministries

INTERFAITH TRIP TO ISRAEL AND THE HOLY LAND. May 7-17, 2012: Join us as we travel with members of neighboring congregations to Jerusalem (five nights), Galilee (two nights), Tel Aviv (two nights). Contact: SherriHausser@bmpc.org or CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org

Hunger Committee

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

WORLD FOOD DAY COLLECTION. Today, 9:20 - 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary doors. Hunger Committee members will collect canned and nonperishable food items to deliver to area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Needed: protein sources such as canned tuna fish, beans, stews, meats, baby food and baby formula.

HUNGER FACT. 30% of food-insecure households skip meals, cut portions or otherwise forgo food. 70% choose cheaper, less nutritious options.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Nov. 12th, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: Bob Weber, b2mw@aol.com or 610-519-9966

OUR BROTHERS PLACE: Sat., Oct. 29, Volunteers needed: Help serve lunch to our neighbors in need. For more information contact Pam Haynes Walsh, 610-667-0972, haynes-walsh@comcast.net