

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011

8:00 AM, SANCTUARY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Glen Strock, *Parable of the Talents*,
Dixon, New Mexico. Used by permission of the artist.

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Be With Me

Joseph Browne



Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger,



Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ, to com-fort and re-store me.
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kellen A. Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.

We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.

We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.

We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you set among us.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Kellen A. Smith

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sing twice)*



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

John Heard

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7 *(p. 634 in pew Bible)*

John Heard

PSALTER

Psalm 19

All sing at the cantor's cue:



Heav - en and earth tell your glo - ry, al - might - y God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 21:33-46 *(p. 24 in pew Bible)*

Joanne Fong

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

SERMON

Do You Rent or Own?

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 Sanctuary.

† HYMN 518

Una Espiga (Sheaves of Summer)

UNA ESPIGA

Verse 1 English: all; Verse 1 Spanish: soloist; Verse 2 English: all

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kellen A. Smith

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 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Joanne Fong

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

POSTLUDE

† *Please stand, if able.*

❖ Worship Notes ❖

Hear the commandments of God:

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*I am the Holy One, your God,
who brought you out of bondage.*

You shall have no other gods but me.

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

*You shall not invoke with malice
the name of the Holy one, your God.*

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

You shall not commit murder.

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

You shall not steal.

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

*You shall not covet anything
that belongs to your neighbor.*

**God, have mercy on us
and guide us in your way.**

Jesus said the first commandment is:

The Holy One, our God, is the only Holy One;

And you shall love the Holy One, your God,

With all your heart, and with all your soul,

And with all your mind,

And with all your strength.

The second commandment is this:

You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.

No other commandment is greater than these.

Exodus 20:1-17 and Mark 12:29-31,
adapted from *Book of Worship, United Church of Christ:
Imaging the Word, An Arts and Lectionary Resource, Volume 3*

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

. John H. Moore, Jr. ~ September 26, 2011

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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.

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Deacon John Heard
is assisting with communion.

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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 Bless the Lord, O my Soul J. S. Bach

WELCOME R. Charles Grant

CALL TO WORSHIP Jacqui Van Vliet

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
All: **The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**
One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
All: **The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
All: **The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

† **HYMN 504** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Jacqui Van Vliet
You whose voice extends to the ends of the world, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We live as enemies of the cross when we crave earthly things, glory in the weakness of others, yearn above all for satisfaction for ourselves, and serve only those gods who do what we want. Having attained the prize of your mercy in Jesus, help us to obey him as the source of new life.

(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 Jacqui Van Vliet
*Following Children's Moment,
the children may be seated in the front pews to hear the Anthem.*

ANTHEM The Call Ralph Vaughan Williams
St. Cecilia Girl Choir and St. Andrew Boy Choir
Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

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

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 5:1-7 (*p. 634 in the pew Bible*) Jacqui Van Vliet

SECOND LESSON John 15:1-12 (*p. 109 in pew Bible*) James L. Carter

SERMON Vineyard Haven James L. Carter

† **HYMN 314** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song BRIDEGROOM
(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) R. Charles Grant
The church gathers to praise God,
to hear God's word for all people,
to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper,
to pray for and present the world to God in worship,
to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort,
to order and organize its own corporate life,
to be tested, renewed, and reformed,
and to speak and act in the world's affairs
as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.
The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are,
at work or play, in private or in the life of society.
Their prayer and Bible study
are part of the church's worship and theological reflection.
Their witness is the church's evangelism.
Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.
The quality of their relation with other persons
is the measure of the church's fidelity. *~ from Confession of 1967 (PCSUA)*

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

OFFERTORY R. Charles Grant

OFFERTORY ANTHEM SALMO 100 Amy Scurrin
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Order of Worship

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 592*)
(Communion servers come forward at this point.)
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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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.**

SANCTUS

 (*Hymnal 568*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the bread as it comes to you so that we might partake together as one body after all have been served. As the juice is distributed, please partake individually in personal prayer. Gluten- and casein-free bread is available in the small container located on each plate.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

A Vineyard Grows K. Lee Scott
Amid the world's bleak wilderness, a vineyard grows with promise green: the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord. His love selected this terrain, His vine with love he planted here to bear the choicest fruit for him. We are his branches, chosen, dear. And though we feel the dresser's knife, we are the objects of his care. From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery with fruit from which true joys derive. Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your branch, with your rich life in me.

Lift Thine Eyes Felix Mendelssohn
Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said thy foot shall not be moved, thy Keeper will never slumber.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† **HYMN 539** Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise ELLERS

BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE James L. Carter

POSTLUDE Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan Williams

† *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.

Tree

Look at me, Lord;
 with my arms spread out,
 my hands open,
 and my heart filled with goodness,
 I am like a tree!

And I am even bigger
 than the tree there in the wood:
 because, Lord, I bear fruit in all seasons,
 even in winter when skies are grey
 and cold seizes the earth and its people
 in an icy grip.

Look at me, Lord, I am like a tree,
 and I say to everyone I meet,
 Come and eat the fruit of my tree!
 Come and share my smile
 if sadness has brought you down!
 Come and taste my forgiveness
 if malice has enveloped you!
 Come and pick my friendship
 if fear has seized you!
 Come and taste my joy
 if misfortune has wounded you!
 Come to my tree and help yourself!

Look at me, Lord:
 just as you asked,
 I am a tree which bears good fruit.

~ Charles Singer

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

John H. Moore, Jr. ~ September 26, 2011

Deaths since the last communion on September 11, 2011

Virginia Wells Maloney
 Mary Ethel Desjardin
 Virginia F. Vogel
 Esther Ann McFarland
 John H. Moore, Jr.

The flowers in the Sanctuary
 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Dorothy G. and Francis L. Henderson



Alan Willoughby will play the carillon following the service.



The "Peace Candle" on the communion table was presented to the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church by the Fisherwick Church of Belfast, Northern Ireland, when our choir sang there in 1992. In presenting the candle, the Fisherwick congregation said: "We invite you to join with us in prayers for each other and for Christ's peace for all humankind."



The cloth on the communion table was presented to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church by the Near East School of Theology (N.E.S.T) in Lebanon when the Worldwide Ministries Council hosted the school's President Mary Mikael in 2008. N.E.S.T trains Christian leaders from throughout the Middle East and has been a long time mission partner of Bryn Mawr. On this Worldwide Communion Sunday we celebrate our connection to sisters and brothers in the Middle East and throughout the world.



Next Sunday, October 9, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, the congregation is invited to gather in the Court of the Ministries Center for an informal celebration of the 45th Anniversary of The Rev. Dr. James L. Carter's ordination as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, USA. Mark your calendar!



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WEEKLY CALENDAR: October 2 - 9, 2011

Sunday, October 2, 2011

8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Joanne Fong will preach.

10:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion and Senior Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. James L. Carter will preach.

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
9:00 a.m. Adult Class: *Spiritual Autobiographies*, Converse House Meeting Room
9:00 a.m. Art @ 9 for age 3 and older, Ed Bldg, Room 201
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 the Ed Bldg
10:15 a.m. Grades 3-5 remain in worship the entire hour
11:00 a.m. Visiting Stewards Training, Converse House Meeting Room
11:15 a.m. Adult Class: *What's New About the Old Bible Stories*, Conference Room
11:15 a.m. Adult Class: *Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus*, Congregational Hall
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 3, 2011

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Middleton Center
4:30 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Pastors Conference Room
7:30 p.m. Recovery International, Converse House Porch & Library
7:30 p.m. PNC, Ed Bldg Conference Room

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

7:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee, Conference Room
7:00 a.m. Visiting Stewards Training, Pastors Conference Room
8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Meeting Room
11:00 a.m. Walking the Labyrinth in Prayer, Congregational Hall
12:00 p.m. Preacher's Brown Bag Bible Study, Conference Room
1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Converse House Meeting Room
6:50 p.m. Tutoring, Ed Bldg
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Converse House Meeting Room
7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

10:00 a.m. PW Coffee Cup Bible Study, Converse House Meeting Room
10:00 a.m. PW Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
4:00 p.m. Carol Choir (Bring a Friend Day), Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers (Bring a Friend Day), Fine Arts Center
5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir (Bring a Friend Day), Fine Arts Center
5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Boy Choir (Bring a Friend Day), Fine Arts Center
5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Girl Choir (Bring a Friend Day), Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Weekly Wednesday Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study, Congregational Hall
6:30 p.m. Youth Chorale (Bring a Friend Day), Fine Arts Center
6:50 p.m. Tutoring, Ed Bldg
7:00 p.m. Fine Arts Council, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Visiting Stewards Meeting, Converse House Meeting Room
7:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators (Bring a Friend Day), Fine Arts Center

Thursday, October 6, 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
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 7, 2011

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

Saturday, October 8, 2011

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

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Our Common Life



The Week of October 2 - 9, 2011

WELCOME TO BMPC where we seek faith, hope and love and are inspired to live the lives Christ has called us to live. 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 - as we journey in faith together.

Questions? Visit our Welcome Center to the left of the main doors or if you need assistance, 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 on 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

PEACEMAKING OFFERING. Today we are collecting the Peacemaking Offering for 2011. Your donation is one way you can heed God's call to sow a harvest of justice in our community.

REMBRANDT AND THE FACE OF JESUS. Today, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Dena Gerson, curator at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, will show slides and speak about this exhibit by the Dutch master. Three of the paintings are being seen in the United States for the first time.



DID YOU KNOW?

Through the combination of our operating budget, the Foundation and direct appeals, BMPC gave in excess of \$1.5 million to benevolences last year.

Learning and Connecting

The Book Center and Library

MUDBOUND by Hillary Jordan, \$12. A story of two families caught up in the blind hatred of a small southern town. This book is the selection for the Oct. 25 meeting of Y-Group Book Group. 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. 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.

LIFE-CHANGING MEDICAL MISSION PRESENTATION by Shaull recipient, Faith in Practice. Sunday, Oct. 16, 11:15 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Rev. Linda L. McCarty, Chief Executive Officer of Faith in Practice, will give an update on the work of this mission partner located in Guatemala.

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 the Bible text 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. 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.

PARENTING ON THE MAIN LINE: POSITIVE PARENTING. Tues., Oct. 11, 7:00 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple. As part of an ongoing series to support parents and provide dialogue, the Middleton Center and Main Line Reform Temple are collaborating on a parenting series. Ruthy Kaiser, RN, LMFT will be speaking on Positive Parenting. Join other parents who want to talk about what it takes to raise healthy, well-adjusted, ethically-grounded children on the Main Line. Free and open to the public. For more information visit www.parentingonthemainline.com

Congregational Care

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

REPOSE YOGA. Tues. and Thurs., Church of the Redeemer Parish House Assembly Room, 9:00-10:15 a.m. Donations accepted for hunger fund. kcgagnier@verizon.net or 610-520-2595.

Fine Arts

SINGING FOR LIFE. Are you 55 or older, love to sing and have a desire to enrich your community life? Singing for Life begins

on Fri., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. Registration: \$60 per semester; scholarships available. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, or 610-525-2821 ext. 8836.

DOUBLE PIANO RECITAL. Sunday, Oct. 23, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward performing 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

SENIORS CLUB LUNCH. Wed., Oct. 19, noon, Congregational Hall. This month's guest speaker Dick Simpson will lecture on the Civil War. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and sweets provided. All welcome. AmyBauer@bmpc.org

Youth Ministries, Grades 6-12

SWELL WORSHIP SERVICE. Sun., Oct. 16, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a contemporary worship service for all ages with a sermon by Rev. Kellen Smith and special music from the Youth Chorale. Come as you are to meet the Spirit!

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 then travel to Shady Brook Farm to enjoy a great autumn afternoon together. \$15 per person. Turn in permission slip by Sun., Oct. 16.

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. Sundays, Oct. 9, 16, 9:00 a.m., Room 101, Ed Bldg. Join church member, Muriel Ricker, author of *When the Walls Come Tumbling Down*, for two sessions for divorcing and divorced parents as well as their extended families and caregivers. Sessions will focus on such issues as managing anger, when and how to tell children, and emotions that children experience through the divorce process. CarolynBeitmann@bmpc.org, or ext. 8812.

DOING GOOD TOGETHER: WORLD FOOD DAY. Fri., Oct. 14. Congregational Hall, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Worship service followed by simple supper and program/project for children with Mason Barnett, Ph.D., of the PA Prison Society. Offerings of canned goods and gently used or new reading books for 8-12 year olds. RSVP: LydiaBarrett@bmpc.org by Wed., Oct. 12.

3RD GRADE BREAKFAST AND BIBLE PRESENTATION. Sun., Oct. 16, 8:45 a.m. Family Breakfast in Congregational Hall. Please join our 3rd graders and their families for the Bible presentation at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Y Group

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

FAMILY HAYRIDE. Sun., Oct. 9, 5:00 p.m., Sugartown Strawberries, Malvern, PA. Bring the whole family for hayride and bonfire. After the hayride we'll roast marshmallows and hot dogs (all provided.) \$10/person or \$40/family. candacebalch@comcast.net

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Oct. 11, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Jen Finkelstein, coauthor of *Real Women Talking Now*, will share research about how women create balance for themselves and their families. Info: JenniferHuth@verizon.com

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.

Caring and Sharing

Presbyterian Women (PW)

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

PW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. Led by the Rev. Charles Grant. This year's study is "Confessing the Beatitudes." Study book available from Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com or 610-525-4469.

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 to Kay Miller, 610-527-9064 or Anne Lee, aleeclee@aol.com or 610-519-0726.

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

MISSION TRIP, NOV. 2-6. Join us as we visit with our mission partner Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center (AMERC) and learn about the complex problems facing the people of Appalachia. Total cost (travel, lodging, most meals) \$800-\$900. Register by Oct. 3. LouisaUmphres@bmpc.org

INTERFAITH TRIP TO ISRAEL AND THE HOLY LAND. May 7-17, 2012: Join us as we travel with members of neighboring congregations

and spend five nights in Jerusalem, two nights in Galilee and two nights in Tel Aviv. 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.

BASKETS are located in the church Narthex. Please consider bringing a can to worship each Sunday.

WORLD FOOD DAY COLLECTION. Sun., Oct. 16, 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. Obesity can occur as a consequence of hunger due to consumption of cheaper, higher-calorie foods. Food-insecure persons are three times more likely to suffer from activity-limiting impairments, poorer overall health, depression and psychosocial dysfunction.

JOIN THE HUNGER COMMITTEE. This dedicated and enthusiastic group believes that every person has a right to adequate food, obtained with dignity. Our next meeting takes place on October 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center Conference Room. Info: dast99@yahoo.com or 610-325-3456.

Outreach

BROAD STREET MINISTRY. Conversation, Tour, and Reception, Tues., Oct. 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m., 315 South Broad Street (bet. Spruce & Pine across from the Kimmel Center.) Find out how you can respond to Philadelphia's hunger crisis. RSVP Brittany Mellinger: market@broadstreetministry.org or 215-735-4847.