

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011

8:00 AM, SANCTUARY

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Master Lei Yixin, sculptor, West Potomac Park in Washington, D.C., southwest of the National Mall

Lord, tireless guardian of your people,
ever prepared to hear the cries
of your chosen ones,
teach us to rely, day and night,
on your care.

Support our prayer, lest we grow weary.
Drive us to seek your enduring justice
and your ever-present help.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Sherri Hausser

(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

Sherri Hausser

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Great God of Israel,
we have broken faith with you
by fashioning our own solutions to our problems.
We have pressed forward with our own plans and wishes
rather than waiting confidently upon you to do
that which is for our good and to your glory.
In so doing, we have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Just as you forgave your people their sins
in days of old when Moses interceded for them,
so forgive us our sins, through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sherri Hausser

† 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 Frazier

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:1-14 *(p. 78 in pew Bible)*

John Frazier

PSALTER

Psalm 106

All sing at the Cantor's cue:



The might - y God is the God of Is - ra - el.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1, 8-9 *(p. 198 in pew Bible)* R. Charles Grant

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

SERMON

Standing in the Breach

R. Charles Grant

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 421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sherri Hausser

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

R. Charles Grant

† HYMN 386

O For a World

AZMON

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

R. Charles Grant

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

POSTLUDE

† *Please stand, if able.*

❖ Worship Notes ❖

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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, louisatumphres@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8828.



Elder John Frazier is assisting with communion.



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Drive us to seek your enduring justice
and your ever-present help.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Order of Worship

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

James L. Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sherri Hausser

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;
All: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**
One: Sing to the Lord, praise God's name;
All: **Proclaim God's salvation day after day.**
One: Let us worship God.

† HYMN 420 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

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Great God of Israel,
we have broken faith with you
by fashioning our own solutions to our problems.
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rather than waiting confidently upon you to do
that which is for our good and to your glory.
In so doing, we have grieved your Holy Spirit.
Just as you forgave your people their sins
in days of old when Moses interceded for them,
so forgive us our sins, through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord and Savior..

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sherri Hausser

† 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

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

FIRST LESSON Exodus 32:1-14 *(p. 78 in pew Bible)*

Sherri Hausser

ANTHEM The Lord is My Shepherd
(Psalm 23, p. 501 in pew Bible)

Thomas Matthews

SECOND LESSON Psalm 106:1-6, 19-20 *(p. 557 in pew Bible)*
Philippians 4:1, 8-9 *(p. 198 in pew Bible)*

R. Charles Grant

SERMON

Standing in the Breach

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† HYMN 421 The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith.)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

James L. Carter

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.
Each member is the church in the world,
endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry
and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness
in each particular situation.
Each member is entitled to the guidance and support
of the Christian community
and is subject to its advice and correction.
In turn, each member, in her or his own competence,
helps to guide the church.

~The Confession of 1967, 9.37-38

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

OFFERTORY AND MINISTRY MOMENT

James L. Carter

Henry K. Weaver, Dir. of John Gloucester House, on behalf of Outreach

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Undivided Measure

Stephen Paulus

And what should we ask of brief time? Fill the streets with neighborhoods, turn away
our flight; grow seasons whole. Burst the heavens from stars, make of the undressed
branch, a tree. Let questions be heard in the voices of our opposites; delight in the
unexplained. Attend to plainness, offer everything, allow forever, ask of the wintering
trees, more. This is Christ's pleasing. Call it Divine. By the work of our shoulders each
to each in the Godhead, be in us altogether as we are always.

(Commissioned in 2000 to honor the Rev. Dr. James L. Carter. See Worship Notes section.)

† 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

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

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

R. Charles Grant

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Undivided Measure"

Jeffrey Brillhart

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❖ 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.

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This morning's anthem, "Undivided Measure," by Minneapolis composer Stephen Paulus, was commissioned by The House of Hope Presbyterian Church to honor Jim Carter in 2000. Stephen Paulus has been hailed as "...a bright, fluent inventor with a ready lyric gift" (The New Yorker). His choral works have been performed and recorded by some of the most distinguished choruses in the United States, including the New York Concert Singers, Robert Shaw Festival Singers, New Music Group of Philadelphia, Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and dozens of other professional, community, church and college choirs.

Paulus' music has been described as rugged, angular, lyrical, lean, rhythmically aggressive, original, often gorgeous, moving, and uniquely American. He writes in a musical language that has been characterized as "...irresistible in kinetic energy and haunting in lyrical design."

The lyrics of "Undivided Measure" are by poet Anne Babson Carter. Her poetry has appeared in The Nation, The Paris Review, Theology Today, The Christian Century, The Western Humanities Review and Borderlands, among other journals. She is Dr. Carter's sister-in-law and lives in Annisquam, MA.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of
 Daniel Mark Caesar
 Matthew Joseph Hnatin
 Adell Burdick

The flowers in the Chapel Garden are given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of
 Grafton D. Chase

Bob Holmes 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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- 9:00 a.m. Adult Class: *When the Walls Come Tumbling Down*, Ed Bldg
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Class: *Spiritual Autobiographies*, Converse House Mtg. Room
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir School, Sanctuary
- 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-5 classes meet in the Ed Bldg
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Class: What's New about the Old Bible Stories, Conference Rm.
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Congregational Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Y-Group Family Hayride, Off Campus

Monday, October 10, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Middleton Center
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Pastors Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee, Converse House Porch & Library
- 7:30 p.m. PNC, Ed.Bldg. Rm 101, Meeting Room
- 7:30 p.m. Recovery International, Conference Room

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

- 9:15 a.m. Y Group Monthly Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 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. Session, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Parenting on the Main Line: Positive Parenting, Main Line Reform Temple, 610-525-0799
- 7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Sr. Men's Discussion Group, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. PW Coffee Cup Bible Study, Converse House Mtg. Room
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Council, Converse House Mtg. Room
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center Main Room
- 6:50 p.m. Tutoring, Ed Bldg
- 7:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center Main Room
- 7:35 p.m. Adult Ed Council, Converse House Mtg. Room

Thursday, October 13, 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 Main Room
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults Coffee and Conversation, Saxby's in Haverford

Friday, October 14, 2011

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Doing Good Together, Congregational Hall

Saturday, October 15, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Porch & Library
- 8:30 a.m. Effective Church Leadership Retreat, Congregational Hall

Sunday, October 16, 2011

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- 11:15 a.m. Faith in Practice Presentation, Congregational Hall
- 4:00 p.m. SWELL: A Contemporary Worship Service, Converse House Mtg. Rm.

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Our Common Life



The Week of October 9 - 16, 2011

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.

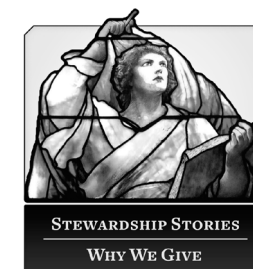
Looking for a church home or just curious to know more about us? Plan to attend our membership orientation on Sunday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Our pastors will acquaint you with our Reformed tradition, our denomination as it compares to others, and our goals for Christian ministry. Childcare 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.

FAMILY HAYRIDE. TODAY, 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



DID YOU KNOW?

WePAC grew out of BMPC's effort to partner with West Philadelphia neighbors and now provides volunteers in 11 Philadelphia public schools. WePAC also has reopened nine school libraries using volunteers. Many BMPC members are actively involved with this outreach.

Learning and Connecting

The Book Center and Library

FOUR GOSPELS, ONE JESUS? A SYMBOLIC READING by Richard A. Burrige, \$17. The book portrays the four Gospel authors' distinctive portraits of Jesus and how these ancient writings relate to today's issues. 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.

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.

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.

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-facing-finance.

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. 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.

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 to discuss what it takes to raise healthy, well-adjusted, ethically-grounded children on the Main Line. Free, open to the public. For more information, visit www.parentingonthemainline.com

Congregational Care

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments, call the

church office receptionist, 610-525-2821. Volunteer drivers welcome.

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

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

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

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 the 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 travel to Shady Brook Farm to enjoy an autumn afternoon together. \$15 per person. Turn

in permission slip by Sun., Oct. 16, to Rebecca Alleva. Volunteer Adult Drivers needed. Drivers must have completed and passed BMPC background checks. Contact RebeccaAlleva@bmpc.org if you are available.

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. Suns., Oct. 9, 16, 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. 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 PA Prison Society. Offerings: canned goods and gently-used or new books for 8-12-year-olds. RSVP: LydiaBarrett@bmpc.org by Wed., Oct. 12.

3RD GRADE FAMILY BREAKFAST AND BIBLE PRESENTATION. SUN., OCT. 16, 8:45 A.M. Congregational Hall. Meet in Sanctuary for Bible presentation at 10:00 a.m. worship. RSVP by Mon., Oct. 10, Janewilber@bmpc.org or ext. 8813.

Young Adults

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION. Join us every other Thursday at Saxby's to chat Bible, theology, and life in general. Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m. No prep, no pressure. Just show up! louisamphres@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

Presbyterian Women (PW)

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

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.

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.

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

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

FAITH IN PRACTICE: See Sunday Classes for information on a presentation by the Executive Director of Faith in Practice on Oct. 16.

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. 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. One in four children in the U.S. lives in a food-insecure household

JOIN THE HUNGER COMMITTEE. This dedicated, energetic group believes that every person has a right to adequate food, obtained with dignity. Next meeting: Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m., Ministries Center Conference Room. Information: Dave Hastings, dhast99@yahoo.com or 610-325-3456.