

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

8:00 AM, CHAPEL

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



George Tooker, *Embrace of Peace II*, 1988, Reis Private Collection
Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts

“We have found him...”

~ from John 1:45

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

In the Lord (*sing twice*)

TAIZE



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-



fraid; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kellen A. Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

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O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our bodies deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sin.

(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

Liz Lynch

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (*p. 577 in pew Bible*)

Liz Lynch

PSALTER

All join in singing Hymn 248

SURSUM CORDA

SECOND LESSON

John 1:35-51 (*p. 92 in pew Bible*)

James L. Carter

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

SERMON

Come and See

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 Chapel.

† HYMN 515

Now to Your Table Spread

LOVE UNKNOWN

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

Kellen A. Smith

MINISTRY MOMENT

Dave Hastings on behalf of the Hunger Committee

† HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

† 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 ❖

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~ Frederick Buechner, from *Wishful Thinking, A Theological ABC*

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"I am the resurrection and the life."
Herbert S. Clarke ~ January 8, 2012

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 would like to participate in other ways or explore how you might participate, contact Louisa Watkins Umphres, louisaumphres@bmpe.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8828.

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Deacon Liz Lynch
is assisting with communion.



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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.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE To God Alone on High be Glory J.S. Bach

WELCOME Kellen A. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Sherri Hausser

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away.

All: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.**

One: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works.

All: **How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
I try to count them--they are more than the sand.**

One: Let us worship God!

† **HYMN 459** Father, We Praise Thee CHRISTE SANCTORUM

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)* Sherri Hausser

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

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† **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 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 *(p. 577 in pew Bible)* Kellen A. Smith

ANTHEM O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Eugene Butler

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SERMON *Come and See* James L. Carter

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

(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)* Kellen A. Smith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ from A Brief Statement of Faith

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

OFFERING AND MINISTRY MOMENT Kellen A. Smith

Dave Hastings on behalf of the Hunger Committee

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Go Where I Send Thee! Arr. Caldwell/Ivory

(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)* Sherri Hausser

(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.

† **HYMN 248** You Are Before Me, Lord SURSUM CORDA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE James L. Carter

POSTLUDE In Thee is Joy J.S. Bach

† *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.

❖ ANTHEM O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me Eugene Butler

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up. Thou searchest out my path and my lying down and are acquainted in all my ways. Thou layest Thy hand upon me. Wonderful are Thy works, O Lord! If I ascend into heaven, Thou art there! If I take the wings of morning, Thou art there! I praise Thee for thou art wonderful and I praise Thy name.

❖ OFFERTORY ANTHEM Go Where I Send Thee! Arr. Caldwell/Ivory

Children, go where I send thee! Children, how shall I send thee? I'm gonna send thee one by one, one for the little bitty baby born in Bethlehem. Children, go where I send thee! Children, how shall I send thee? I'm gonna send thee two by two, two for Paul and Silas, one for the little bitty baby born in Bethlehem. Children, go where I send thee! Children, how shall I send thee? I'm gonna send thee six by six, six for the days when the world was fixed, five for the bread they did divide, four for the Gospel writers, three for the Hebrew children, two for Paul and Silas, one for the little bitty baby born in Bethlehem. Children, go where I send thee! Children, how shall I send thee? I'm gonna send thee twelve by twelve, Twelve for the twelve disciples, eleven of them singing in heaven, ten for the ten commandments, nine for the angel choirs divine, eight for the eight the flood couldn't take, seven for the day God laid down his head, six for the days when the world was fixed, five for the bread they did divide, four for the Gospel writers, three for the Hebrew children, two for Paul and Silas, one for the little bitty baby born in Bethlehem. Children, go where I send thee!

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The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
James R. and Anna H. Affleck
Walter B. and Roberta Bastow
W. Barton Bastow

Alan Willoughby 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.



The Week of January 15 - January 22, 2012

WELCOME TO BMPC where we remember God's faithfulness, individually and collectively, as we offer ourselves in praise. We encourage you to enrich your journey in faith by being with us often in this new year. Stop at the Welcome Center to the left of the main doors if you have questions, and join us for fellowship and refreshments at 11:00 a.m. in the Ministries Center Court.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, ask an usher or anyone wearing a nametag. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Education Building.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME! We invite our guests to learn more about us at our winter orientation on Sun., Feb. 5, 8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (childcare will be available). In an informal setting, our pastors will discuss our Reformed beliefs, our denomination as it compares to others, our sense of Christian ministry, and our membership expectations. Please indicate your interest on the fellowship register or at the Welcome Center or contact Donna Barrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809. Those who wish to join our church will be warmly welcomed by our Session on Sun., Feb. 12.

BMPC ONLINE: Check our website, www.bmpc.org, for our church calendar, pastors' columns, sermon files, newsletters and more. To receive our electronic newsletter, BMPC eNews, subscribe via our website or add your email address to the fellowship register when it is passed.

SAVE THE DATE

- **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEK "DAY OF SERVICE."** Sat., Jan. 21, 9:20 a.m.-noon, BMPC Campus. Sign up now!
- **SWELL WORSHIP SERVICE.** Sun., Jan. 22, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall.
- **DEACONS ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE.** Mon., Jan. 30, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall.
- **FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF.** Sun., Feb. 5, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall & Gym.
- **PW ANNUAL RETREAT, *Their Story, Our Story.*** Fri., Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m., at the manse of the Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet; and Sat., Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m., at BMPC.

**See inside for details and other activities and calendar on reverse.*

DID YOU KNOW:

...that it takes about \$3,300 per potential pledger to support our magnificent church and all that BMPC does for you and others?

NEW! ONLINE GIVING: Our new *Online Giving* function gives you multiple payment options and the ability to set up recurring payments. Visit www.bmpc.org and click on the "Give Now" link in the top right-hand corner. If you haven't done so yet, you may also pledge for 2012 by clicking the "Pledge Now" link in the top right-hand corner of the BMPC website. Your commitment is vital to support the many ministries of BMPC. Together, we can make a difference!



WEEKLY CALENDAR: January 15 - 22, 2012

Sunday, January 15, 2012

8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*
The Rev. Dr. James Carter will preach.

10:00 a.m. *Worship with Senior Choir in the Sanctuary*
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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* Book Discussion, Conference Room

9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir School, Fine Arts Center

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 age 2 (by 9/1/2011) - PreK, Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Youth-in-Worship, Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Grades K-5 classes meet in Ed. Bldg.

11:15 a.m. Adult Class: Our Stories, Muslim Stories, and God's Story, Witherspoon Parlor

11:15 a.m. Finance Training for Session Members, Congregational Hall

Monday, January 16, 2012

Office closed in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
For pastoral emergencies, call the church office: 610-525-2821

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Mtg. Room

9:30 a.m. PW Dimensions in Literature, Converse House Porch & Library

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

12:00 p.m. Preacher's Brown Bag Bible Study, Conference Room

6:50 p.m. Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Council, Fullerton Room

7:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor & Library

7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

10:00 a.m. PW Coffee Cup Bible Study, Converse House Mtg. Room

12:00 p.m. Seniors Club Lunch, Congregational Hall

4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Fine Arts Center

4:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Boy Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Weekly Wednesday Dinner, Congregational Hall

5:00 p.m. Youth Dinner Fellowship, Congregational Hall

6:00 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

6:50 p.m. Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center

7:00 p.m. Trustees, Conference Room

Thursday, January 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. Forward in Faith Committee, Pastors Conference Room

8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel

9:00 a.m. PW Program/Hospitality Coordinators, Conference Room

10:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team, Conference Room

11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple

6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee, Pastors Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Parenting on the Main Line, Congregational Hall

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

7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee, Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Coffee and Conversation, Saxby's Haverford

Friday, January 20, 2012

2:30 p.m. Rosemont Prebyterian Village Visit

6:00 p.m. PW Holy Leisure, Off Campus

Saturday, January 21, 2012

9:20 a.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Congregation-Wide Day of Service, Ministries Center Court

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10:15 a.m. First Grade Bible Storybook Presentation, Chapel

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11:15 a.m. BMPC Property Tour, Converse House Mtg. Room

11:15 a.m. Adult Class: Our Stories, Muslim Stories, and God's Story, Witherspoon Parlor

11:15 a.m. Children & Youth Protection Policy Training Session, Ed. Bldg, Room 101

11:15 a.m. Finance Training for Session Members, Congregational Hall

4:00 p.m. SWELL Worship Service, Congregational Hall

CHILDCARE INFO/RESERVATIONS other than on Sunday morning, contact childcare e-mail: childcare@bmpc.org or childcare line: 610-520-8850. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Education Building.

SWELL WORSHIP SERVICE. Sun., Jan. 22, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Contemporary worship service for all ages with a message by Pastor Kellen Smith and special music from the Youth Chorale. Come as you are to meet the Spirit!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS. Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Meet old friends and make new ones as people of all ages gather for food and conversation. Dinner menus available at www.bmpc.org/wedsdinners.htm. Cost: \$6/person. Contact: JacquiVanVliet@bmpc.org, ext. 8810.

FORWARD IN FAITH TOURS. Sun., Jan. 22, Feb. 19 & March 4, Converse House Mtg. Room. Join the Property Committee to tour some of the improvements being made to the campus as part of the Forward in Faith capital campaign. Contact: CarolMPyle@aol.com

FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF. Sun., Feb. 5, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall & Gym. Join us after worship for a congregation-wide reception featuring a new video, crafts for the children and light refreshments. Contact: SueGibbons@bmpc.org, ext. 8831.

[The Book Center and Library](#)

WHEN THE HEART WAITS: SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FOR LIFE'S SACRED QUESTIONS by Sue Monk Kidd, \$10. From the bestselling author of *The Secret Life of Bees*. The Book Center is open following services and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Key available at the Reception Desk.

[Sunday Adult Education](#)

A CASE FOR GOD BOOK DISCUSSION. Sundays through Jan. 29, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray.

OUR STORIES, MUSLIM STORIES, AND GOD'S STORY. Begins today, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by Dr. Jon Pahl. This week: A Common Word? Do the Qur'an and Bible agree? What stories do they share and where do they diverge? Week Two (Jan. 22): Stories of War and Peace?

[Adult Weekday Classes](#)

PREACHER'S BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY. Tuesdays, noon, Conference Room. Bring your lunch and discuss the sermon text with the preaching pastor for the following Sunday.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Mtg. Room. Led by the Rev. Louisa Watkins Umphres. Discuss *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament* by Ellen F. Davis. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women (PW). Book available in The Book Center.

TORAH (OLD TESTAMENT) STUDY OF JOEL. Thursdays, 11:00 a.m., led by Rabbi Franzel, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood. BMPC Contact: PhoebeSheftel@comcast.net, 610-526-1802.

[Congregational Care](#)

DEACONS ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 30, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood and assist with scheduling appointments. Contact: William.Matthai@uphs.upenn.edu, 610-668-1842.

WALKING GROUP. Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.; meet in BMPC back parking lot. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

[Middleton Center](#)

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

PARENTING ON THE MAIN LINE: LEARNING AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. Thurs., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Speaker: Dr. Robert Zeitlin from Main Line Psychological & Educational Associates. Free and open to the public. More Info: www.parentingonthemainline.com

[Young Adults](#)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION. Thurs., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m., Saxby's in Haverford. Join us

every other Thursday to chat Bible, theology, and life in general. No prep, no pressure... just show up! Contact: LouisaUmphres@bmpc.org, ext. 8828.

[Senior Adults](#)

SENIORS CLUB LUNCH. Wed., Jan. 18, noon, Congregational Hall. Ring in the new year with a lively lunch and hear Karl Rickels, M.D., talk about his autobiography, *A Serendipitous Life: From German POW to American Psychiatrist*. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and sweets provided. All welcome. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

[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.

FIRST GRADE BREAKFAST & BIBLE STORYBOOK PRESENTATION. Sun., Jan. 22. First graders and their families are invited to breakfast in Congregational Hall at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Moment, Bible Storybook presentation will take place in the Chapel. RSVP: CarolynBeitmann@bmpc.org, ext. 8812.

REMINDER TO PARENTS: To help your children feel more "at home" during worship, children's Bible storybooks and age-specific children's bulletins with crayons may be found in the Narthex and Transepts. Feel free to use these during the service, returning the Bible storybooks/crayons as you leave.

[Youth Ministries, Grades 6-12](#)

YOUTH-IN-WORSHIP. Today and Sun., Jan. 22. Youth may either worship together in the left balcony of the Sanctuary or with their families.

ATTENTION SKI TRIPPERS: Final ski trip payment is due in the church office by Sun., Jan. 22. Contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org with your rental information, skis or snowboards, and whether you will be taking a lesson.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS. Stay tuned for upcoming special youth fellowship events this spring, including a February ski trip, a March talent show and Labyrinth build, and an April Good Friday Service and casserole blitz. Questions or suggestions? Contact: KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

SUMMER CAMP AND MISSION TRIPS 2012. You can still sign up for summer trips! Return registration form and \$100 deposit for each trip to Amy Bauer. Forms and information about trips are available at www.bmpc.org/youth/summer/summer.html

[Fine Arts](#)

REFLECTIONS OF TIME. Own a copy of BMPC's new 48-minute documentary film. Standard DVD is \$20; Blu-ray is \$25. To purchase, contact Ginny Smith: vafs3201@gmail.com, 610-645-4819.

[Presbyterian Women \(PW\)](#)

Presbyterian Women (PW) sponsors many programs at BMPC open to any interested women. Contact: Pam Haynes Walsh, Haynes-walsh@comcast.net, 610-667-0972.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m., Converse House Porch. Leader: Eric Johnson. Discuss *Hungers of the Heart* by Richard Watts. The work offers a spirituality that attempts to free people from the bonds of organized religion while retaining the core of religious tradition. Contact: Eric Johnson, Johnsone@cpenow.com

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 20, 6:00 p.m. Fun, food and fellowship at a member's home. RSVP by Jan. 19 to Valerie Craig, valericraig2@verizon.net, 610-688-3113.

CARING AND CRAFTS. Mon., Jan. 23, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Mtg. Room. Make gifts for Presbyterian Children's Village residents. Contact: MaryaliceStoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Cellist Gael Abbasi will perform classical selections. Contact: DeAnn Clancy, 610 525-8347.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom, led by the Rev. Charles Grant. Discuss *Confessing the Beatitudes* by Margaret Aymer, Lesson 6. Read Revelation 12. Contact: Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com, 610 525-4469.

PW ANNUAL RETREAT: THEIR STORY, OUR STORY. Fri., Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m., potluck dinner and discussion at the manse of the Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet; Sat., Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m. at BMPC. Led by the Revs. Louisa Watkins Umphres, Jacqui Van Vliet and Joanne Fong. Reservations: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

[Y-Group](#)

Y-Group is a PW group principally for women with elementary school-aged and younger children, but all women are welcome. Contact: JenniferHuth@comcast.net

Y-GROUP BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m., at home of Sarah Burke. Discussion of *Mrs. Kimble* by Jennifer Haigh. Contact: Sarah.M.Burke@comcast.net

Y-GROUP MONTHLY MEETING & BOOK GROUP JOIN TOGETHER. Tues., Feb. 14, 9:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. "Awakening a child's Easter imagination: Retelling the story of *The Velveteen Rabbit*," led by the Rev. Joanne Fong. Childcare available; reserve three days in advance: childcare@bmpc.org, 610-520-8850. Contact: JenniferHuth@comcast.net

[Worldwide Ministries](#)

HANDS ALONG THE NILE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. develops partnerships between Americans and Egyptians to increase intercultural understanding and to support Egyptians in their efforts to raise the quality of life for all in their land. For more information, visit www.handsontheneile.org

[Outreach](#)

THE EUGENE C. BAY FUND APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING. This fund was

established to support projects and programs that enhance the lives of residents of urban areas of Philadelphia. Organizations that would qualify are encouraged to submit a proposal by Jan. 31 to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819. Details at www.bmpc.org/ECB.htm

THOMAS S. STEWART, long-time BMPC member, Elder and Trustee, has been selected to receive posthumously the first "Dare to Understand" award from the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia on March 5 at Moore College of Art & Design. Interested in being part of a BMPC table? Contact: SherryHausser@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEK "DAY OF SERVICE" AT BMPC. Sat., Jan. 21, 9:20 a.m.-noon, BMPC Campus. This service day will offer unique ways to serve at BMPC. We'll be working with volunteers from John Gloucester House assembling mailing pieces and hosting a casserole blitz to prepare casseroles f Philadelphia-area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Sign up now by contacting CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 17, Converse House Parlor. Discussion of *Sun Catcher: A Study of Madeleine L'Engle and Her Writings* by Carole F. Chase. Contact: Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com

[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.

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

HUNGER FACT. Philadelphia had 25 food cupboards in 1985; 25 years later, that number stands at 700+ charitable cupboards and soup kitchens. This food cupboard system is a volunteer, under-resourced and highly-used distribution network...a network never intended or designed to supply food at current levels. Your help is greatly needed by those who are hungry.