

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

8:00 AM, CHAPEL

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Holy God,
your Son's authority is found in integrity and living truth,
not the assertion of power over others.
Open our imaginations to new dimensions of your love,
and heal us of all that severs us from you and one another,
that we may grow into the vision you unfold before us.
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

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

Sherri Hausser

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

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God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confessions. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sing twice)*

Jacques Berthier, 1979



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

Peggy Gregg

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-18 *(p. 174 in pew Bible)*

Peggy Gregg

PSALTER

Psalm 111

All sing at the cantor's cue:



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:21-28 *(p. 35 in pew Bible)*

James L. Carter

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

SERMON

No Time to Lose

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 241

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

CRIMOND

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

Sherri Hausser

MINISTRY MOMENT

Anita Iyengar on behalf of Senior Adults

† HYMN 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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† 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 ❖

Congregational Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purposes of:

1) Election of church officers for terms that will begin in May, 2012:

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for a first term:

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Flo Zeller

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Kathy Wynn

Class of 2013

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Dan Petrovich (Youth)

Jennie Wilber (Youth)

Nominees for Trustee

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for a first term:

Bill McCormack

Brian Walsh

Class of 2015

for a second term:

Keith Brinks

Fred Fletcher

Kevin Roller

Nancy Wolcott

Nominees for At-Large Nominating Committee Members

Don Chase

Barbara Cobb

Marcy DelOrefice

Kathy Kreider

Al Willoughby

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RESOLVED, that the congregation approves that the maximum amount of such a loan will remain at \$6.0 million, or such lower amounts as may be determined by the Session and Trustees from time to time; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the congregation approves that such loan be negotiated under terms and conditions deemed acceptable to the officers of the church.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Andrew J. Musser, Jr. ~ January 22, 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@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821, ext. 8828.

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Elder Peggy Gregg
is assisting with communion.

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Engraving by Goumen. France, second half of 18th century

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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 "Andante Sostenuto" Charles Marie Widor
from *Symphonie Gothique*

WELCOME Sherri Hausser

CALL TO WORSHIP Louisa Watkins Umphres

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

Praise the Lord!

All: **Your work is full of honor and majesty,
and your righteousness endures forever.**

One: The works of your hands are faithful and just;
all your precepts are trustworthy.

All: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice it have good understanding.**

One: Let us worship God!

† **HYMN 274** O God of Earth and Space LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Louisa Watkins Umphres

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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 111:1-10 (*p. 562 in pew Bible*) Sherri Hausser

ANTHEM If With All Your Hearts Felix Mendelssohn
Peter Webb, tenor
(See *Worship Notes* section for text.)

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:21-28 (*p. 35 in pew Bible*) James L. Carter

SERMON *No Time to Lose* James L. Carter

† **HYMN 241** Behold the Goodness of Our Lord CRIMOND
(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*

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OFFERING AND MINISTRY MOMENT Sherri Hausser
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM There is a Balm in Gilead William Dawson
(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*) Louisa Watkins Umphres

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† **HYMN 383** My Faith Looks Up to Thee OLIVET

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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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.



ANTHEM If With All Your Hearts Felix Mendelssohn
 Peter Webb, tenor

‘If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me.’ Thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!



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There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say “He died for all.”



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The flowers in the Sanctuary
 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Lewis V. Chamberlin
 Robert F. and Edith Madden



Brian Middleton will play the carillon following the service.



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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The Week of January 29 - February 5, 2012

WELCOME TO BMPC! We hope you will sense God in our midst, experience God at work among us, and consider how God might be at work within you. We invite you to stop at the Welcome Center to the left of the main doors if you are a newcomer, have questions, or want more information about our programs and ministries. We'd like to support you in your journey in Christian faith, so please take advantage of any of our opportunities that interest you.

WE WANT ALL TO FEEL COMFORTABLE HERE. If you need assistance, ask an usher or anyone wearing a nametag. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Education Building.

NOT A BMPC MEMBER? Make this your church home and discover the enrichment and support that membership offers. Our winter orientation is next Sun., Feb. 5, 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., when you'll have the opportunity to meet our staff and learn about our sense of Christian ministry and Reformed tradition. Childcare will be available and lunch is included. Indicate your interest on the Fellowship Register, at the Welcome Center to the left of the main doors, or by contacting DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809. After attending orientation, those who wish to join our church will be warmly welcomed 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.

TODAY, JAN. 29

- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary, for the purposes of:
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 - acting on a recommendation from the Session and Trustees to modify bank borrowing arrangements that support capital projects under the Forward in Faith campaign.

NEXT SUNDAY

- **FOWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF.** 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.
- **"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING."** Donations of high-protein canned goods and/or cash accepted in support of hunger issues.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thanks to all who have pledged in support of our 2012 Stewardship Campaign. We have reached 85% of our annual goal, but we are still \$400,000 short. A few weeks ago, more than 20 volunteers gathered at BMPC to begin making phone calls to members whose pledges we have not yet received. If you have not pledged yet, we encourage you to do so by filling out a pledge card and either dropping it in the offering plate or in the mail. You may also pledge online at www.bmpc.org/bmpcpledge.htm. Thank you!



WEEKLY CALENDAR: January 29 - February 5, 2012

Sunday, January 29, 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. Confirmation Class, Witherspoon Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Middle School Sunday School, Crypt
- 10:00 a.m. High School Sunday School, Loft
- 10:15 a.m. Grades K-5 classes meet in Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Session Priorities Committee, Pastors Conference Room
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Class: Our Stories, Muslim Stories, and God's Story, Witherspoon Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Walking the Walk, Conference Room, Fullerton Room, Gloucester Room

Monday, January 30, 2012

- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gym
- 1:00 p.m. Deacons Blood Drive, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Pastors Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee, Fullerton Room
- 7:30 p.m. Recovery International, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gym
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gym
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Ed. Class Planning, Pastors Conference Room
- 6:50 p.m. Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gym
- 10:00 a.m. PW Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. PW Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Membership Council, Fullerton Room
- 6:50 p.m. Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Fine Arts Council, Conference Room

Thursday, February 2, 2012

- 7:30 a.m. Foward in Faith Committee, Pastors Conference Room
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gym
- 11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple
- 11:00 a.m. Coordinating Team, Pastors Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering, Off Campus
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, February 3, 2012

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

Saturday, February 4, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Ed. Bldg., Room 201
- 5:30 p.m. Sacred Shelter Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102

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- 11:00 a.m. Forward in Faith Campaign Kick-Off, Congregational Hall, Gym
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Class: Our Stories, Muslim Stories, and God's Story, Witherspoon Parlor

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS. Wednesdays, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Dinner menus available at www.bmpc.org/wedsdinners.htm. Cost: \$6/person. Contact: JacquiVanVliet@bmpc.org, ext. 8810.

BMPC CAMPUS TOURS. Feb. 19 & Mar. 4, 11:15 a.m., starting in Converse House. Join members of the Property Committee to tour campus improvements being made as part of the Forward in Faith capital campaign. Contact: CarolMPyle@aol.com

The Book Center and Library

GETTING INVOLVED WITH GOD by Ellen F. Davis, \$12, focuses on what it takes, what it costs, what it looks and feels like to get and stay involved with God. It is available at The Book Center, open following services and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Key available at the Reception Desk.

NEW DVDS HAVE JUST ARRIVED IN OUR LIBRARY. Converse House Library is open whenever the Ministries Center is open.

Sunday Adult Education

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Today's class completes the discussion of *A Case for God*. A new book discussion will begin in February.

OUR STORIES, MUSLIM STORIES, AND GOD'S STORY. Sundays through Feb. 5, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by Dr. Jon Pahl. This week: *Learning Our Stories*. Feb. 5: *Stories Abounding* or *The Forty Rules of Love*.

UNDERSTANDING "OCCUPY PHILADELPHIA." Sun., Feb. 12, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Learn about "Occupy Philadelphia"—its process and motivations—from two people who have been deeply involved: Gregory Harris, a Ph.D. student in Sociology at the Univ. of Pennsylvania, and Hollister Knowlton, an environmental/ecological activist and a member of the Policy Committee of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Contact: PhoebeSheftel@comcast.net, 610-526-1802.

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. This group will NOT meet on Jan. 31, but will reconvene on Feb. 7.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester 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.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN SERIES. Wednesdays, Feb. 29 through March 21, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by the Revs. Charles Grant, Sherri Hausser, Kellen Smith and Jacqui Van Vliet.

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.

REPOSE YOGA. Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Gym. Donations accepted for Hunger Fund. Contact: KarenGagnier@verizon.net, 610-520-2595.

BE YOUR OWN MEDICAL ADVOCATE. Sun., Feb. 12, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Peace of Mind Advocates, LLC, will present a program on becoming your own informed healthcare advocate and answer questions about living wills, second opinions, DNRs and more. 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: SELF IMAGE/SELF KNOWLEDGE. Tues., Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple. Panel of presenters will cover multiple aspects of children's images of themselves and how they come to know who they are. Free and open to the public. More information: www.parentingonthemainline.com

WALKING THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Feb. 7, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join others in this ancient symbol and prayer form. February theme: Testimony. Quiet music will play; printed prayer reflections will be available.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Feb. 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. This ongoing support group is for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. Led by David Reed and Mary Joan Walheim. No cost. New and previous group members welcome.

Young Adults

DINNER GATHERING. Thurs., Feb. 2, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the Rev. Louisa and Will Umphres. We're teaming up with Wayne Presbyterian Church's Young Adult group for a dinner gathering. RSVP for directions: LouisaUmphres@bmpc.org, ext. 8828.

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.

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.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY. Fri., Feb. 10, 6:00-8:00 pm, Congregational Hall. Pizza and salad supper followed by the showing of the children's classic movie, *Peter Pan*. Children are invited to come in pajamas and bring pillows and stuffed animals. RSVP by Feb. 9: WhitneyHoffman@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2012: SAVE THE DATE! Sun., June 24-Thurs., June 28. Join us for *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*. For more information or to volunteer, contact Marcy Del Orefice, marcydelorefice@aol.com

Youth Ministries, Grades 6-12

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION CLASS. Today, 10:00 a.m. Meet Pastor Kellen Smith in the Gym, then High School will move to the Loft, Middle School to the Crypt and Confirmation to Witherspoon Parlor. Contact: KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

SUPER BOWL PARTY FOR YOUTH, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. Sun., Feb. 5, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Kellen's manse. Enjoy great food and fellowship during the big game and vote for the best commercial! Bring a canned good to support "Souper Bowl of Caring." Contact: KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Youth opportunities, visit www.bmpc.org/youth

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.

YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT. Sun., Feb. 12, 2:00 p.m. Featuring talented children and teens from the community in collaboration with Nelly Berman School of Music. Free-will offering. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONCERT AND SOUL FOOD LUNCHEON. Sun., Feb. 26, 2:00 p.m. Featuring Suzanne DuPlantis and friends with special guest, Gwen Appling, who was featured in the film, *Mighty Times: The Children's March*. Free-will offering. Join us beforehand for a Soul Food Luncheon at 12:00 noon; \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 18

and under. Lunch tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

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

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](mailto:JoyceMalott@erols.com), 610-525-4469.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m., Converse House. *What's Bred in the Bones* by Robertson Davies, discussion led by Suzanne DuPlantis. Contact: Eric Johnson, johnsone@cpnow.com, 610-525-2821. Book available in The Book Center.

WOMEN'S 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 JOINT MEETING. Tues., Feb. 14, 9:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Topic: 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.

Worldwide Ministries

HANDS ALONG THE NILE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. develops partnerships between Americans and Egyptians to increase intercultural understanding and

support Egyptians in their efforts to raise the quality of life for all in their land. Your pledge dollars make this ministry possible!

Outreach

EUGENE C. BAY FUND: DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS JAN. 31. Organizations that qualify are encouraged to submit a proposal 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 group? Contact: SherriHausser@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

West Philadelphia

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m., Wynnefield Pres. Church, 2249 N. 54th St., Philadelphia. Discuss: *City of Thieves* by Ellen Renner. Contact: Sherry Archer, sherry.archer19@yahoo.com

Hunger Committee

"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING." Sun., Feb. 5. Emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters and hunger relief organizations are in dire need of food. The Hunger Committee and BMPC Youth will collect donations of cash and/or canned soups, stews, ravioli, and other high protein canned goods on "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Baskets also will be available in the Narthex, Ministries Center, and Ed. Building.

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. In 2010, 4.8 percent of all U.S. households (5.6 million households) accessed emergency food from a food pantry one or more times.