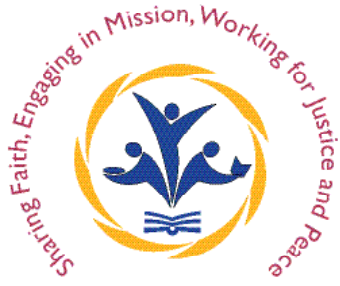


SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF BMPC



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Women

Witnessing to the Promise



SWEET LIFE CAFÉ WOMEN'S RETREAT

A retreat for women of all ages. Come and experience bible study, worship and fellowship activities. Use this time as a chance to savor time with God and time with friends. This retreat will reach across age barriers and be meaningful to women who consider themselves frilly and women who prefer jeans, because the tie that binds us all together is our faith in God. The retreat will begin on **Friday, February 19th 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** in Congregational Hall, in conjunction with Holy Leisure and will continue on **Saturday, February 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** This retreat is led by Rev. Susan Rice. Don't miss it!

Retreat reservations and potluck dinner donation (meat supplied) are required no later than **February 12th**. Make checks payable to BMPC-PW for \$20.00 and mail to **Louise Burnstein**, 449 W. Montgomery Avenue, #201, Haverford, PA 19041 (610-642-7500 or lhburnstein@aol.com). Space is limited so register early. If you have any questions, please Contact Rev. Susan Rice at susanrice@bmpc.org or call her at 610-525-2821.

WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING; "RESILIENT WOMEN: EMBRACING CHANGE WITH FAITH & HOPE"

This year's Annual Women's Spring Gathering will take place on **Thursday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.** in Congregational Hall. The skills we use to design and negotiate desired change in our lives, as well as the ways we navigate unanticipated change, are essential to our sense of happiness, wholeness and well being. Guest Speaker The Rev. Sharon L. Vandergrift, Founder and Executive Director of Bridge the Gap Life Coaching Services, founding member of the Methodist Coaching Connections and Certified Life Coach, for 25 years, will offer insights into the process of change and growth and inspire us to embrace newness in our lives with faith and hope.

Spring Gathering reservations are required no later than **April 6th**, for \$15.00. Make checks payable to BMPC-PW and mail to **Louise Burnstein**, 449 W. Montgomery Avenue, #201, Haverford, PA 19041 (610-642-7500 or lhburnstein@aol.com).

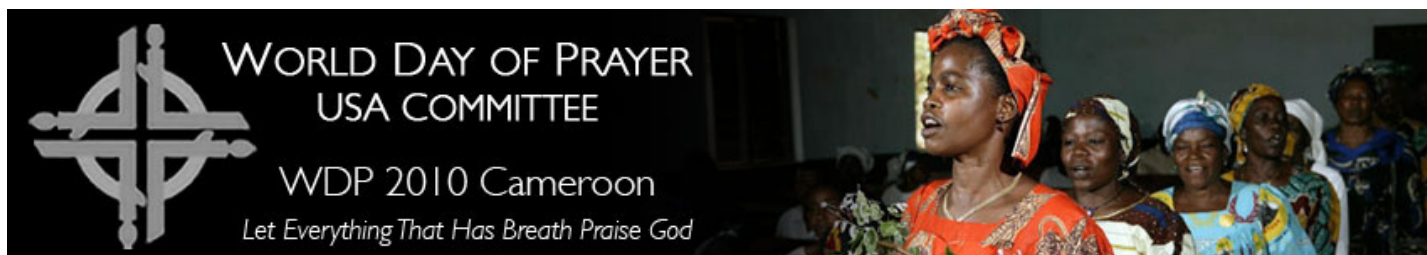


CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

Join us for worship on **Sunday, March 21st** at both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services as Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church observes "Celebrate the Gifts of Women." The 2010 theme for the Presbyterian Church (USA) is "Women Keeping the Message Alive." To celebrate the gifts of women is to celebrate the gift of the message God shares with them and through them.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church traces its roots back to 1880. In that year the ladies of the young church formed "The Happy Thought Circle." Mrs. Josiah Pearce was the first chairlady. The Circle was the forerunner of "The Women's Association, know today as "Presbyterian Women."

As we worship together in this special service we will also be recognizing and honoring past BMPC Moderators of Presbyterian Women which began in the early 1940. Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church has one of the few Presbyterian Women programs that is a growing, active and vibrant organization. Rev. Susan Rice will preach and women of all ages will be taking part in both services. So let us celebrate together as we lead all of God's people in worship.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of people of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the WDP worship service. This year's program was written by the WDP Committee of Cameroon.

This year World Day of Prayer is on **Friday, March 5th, 2010**. All communities of faith are invited to join together as we fulfill the call of Psalm 150: "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God." Fellowship and refreshments will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the service will follow at 11:00 a.m. in Congregational Hall. Our focus will be the struggles of the women and children in Cameroon, West Africa and our prayers will call for their justice and peace. Contact Susan Bravo at B41793@aol.com or 610-578-0224.

Childcare is available for all activities on the BMPC campus. Reservations required 3 days in advance.
Contact Megan Forgie: 610-520-8850 or mmforgie@gmail.com
For Transportation needs contact: Janet White: 610-254-0231 or janetw298@verizon.net

INTEREST GROUPS OPPORTUNITIES 2010

GREAT DECISIONS

This is a world events discussion group formulated by the Foreign Policy Association in New York that meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. A short movie is shown at Rosemont Presbyterian Village auditorium at 1:00 p.m. followed by a discussion from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

February 23rd Topic: Halting atrocities in Kenya Post-election rioting in Kenya in December 2007 brought pressure on Nairobi, from international and regional diplomats, to end tensions and avert bloodshed on a massive scale. What lessons can be learned from the intervention in Kenya? What does it mean for the UN's emerging "responsibility to protect" doctrine?

March 30th (New Date) Topic: Transnational crime: globalization's shadowy stepchild From the booming sex trade in eastern Europe, to online fraud syndicates in Africa and the drug cartels of Asia and Central America, crime is becoming increasingly organized and globalized. How can countries better protect citizens seeking the benefits of a globalized world from being exploited? What international actors can effectively fight global organized crime?

April 27th Topic: China look at the world: the world looks at China. China's influence is growing, along with its military expenditures. How will this growth affect China's relation with its neighbors and with the U.S.? Will China's expanding military and economic power affect traditional U.S. roles and U.S. alliances in East Asia? How will Japan, South Korea and India respond?

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY

The Coffee Cup Bible Study is led by Rev. Susan B. Rice and meets every Wednesday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Witherspoon Parlor. Starting **January 6th** we will begin *Frappe with the Philippians*. We will explore the joy that can be experienced when the church is united with one focus: seeing humanity's need and making known God's solution in the person of Jesus Christ. The book is available at the church office for \$8.00. Contact SusanRice@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821 extension 8810.



HOLY LEISURE

This lively group is open to women of all ages. You are invited to enjoy an occasional Friday evening gathering throughout the year.

We'll share conversation and potluck meal at the homes of various hostesses. Join us on **February 19th** (as part of the Sweet Life Cafe Retreat) and **April 23rd**. To RSVP and for directions- Contact Janet White: 610-254-0231 or janetw298@verizon.net.

Y-GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

On the second Tuesday of each month Y Group women meet in Witherspoon Parlor. On **January 12th** they'll be in the kitchen making casseroles for Hunger Task Force. All are welcome to help 9:15 a.m.

Y Group Book Club meet the third Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. **January 19th** selection is *People of the Book* and **February 16th** selection is *The 19th Wife*. Other events including – movie night, social evenings, the Easter egg hunt for children – will soon be announced. Contact Peggy Hermann at truman321@hotmail.com for more details.



YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE:

Save Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. These are redeemed to purchase educational items for the children and teens served by the Village. A collection box is located in the Court of the Ministries Center. Lists of participating products are available at the collection box.

Shopping Online: Most of your preferred merchants will donate a percentage of your purchase to the Village. Your cost is the same but the Village receives much needed funds to support its programs. Log on to GoodShop.com or OneCause.com to go to your favorite online merchants. Visit www.bmpc.org/PW.htm for more information or Contact Betty Wu efwu01@gmail.com.



Enjoy PW! Come celebrate as we cultivate our spiritual growth; growth in numbers; growth in publicity in the church and community; growth in our programs; growth in spreading God's word. All women are encouraged to be creative, have fun and participate in the many and varied activities that PW at BMPC offers. We pray that God will bless you and our efforts to do mighty things through PW at BMPC.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON ALL PW HAPPENINGS AT BMPC? Check the web site for more information: <http://bmpc.org/PW.htm>

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC

Perspectives programs feature artists for recitals, previews, concerts & lectures related to music and how it "touches our souls".

Enjoy social time before the monthly presentations on the fourth Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Contact DeAnn Clancy: 610-525-8347 or deannclancy@hotmail.com



UPCOMING FEATURED ARTISTS:

January 25th

James Batt, Associate Director of our Fine Arts Ministry
Organ concert on our magnificent Rieger Organ

February 22nd

Lisa Willson, Soprano
Solo recital of classical favorites.

March 22nd

Hanchien Lee, young pianist and Peabody student.
Feature pieces from Chopin's piano repertoire.

April 26th

Randall Scarlata, Baritone
Voice professor West Chester University
Pianist Laura Ward will accompany

CONNECTIONS

Mothers of teenage children come together in support of one another and for non-child related outings to museums, gardens and local places of interest. Contact Kathy Stevens: 610-527-5666 or kpstevens@comcast.net

CARING AND CRAFTS

Join women of all ages who enjoy knitting, crocheting and good fellowship. Donations of a skein of yarn or large knitting needles are always appreciated. We meet from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. on the third Monday of the month in Gloucester Room, next meeting **January 25th** (Office closed on January 18th) Contact Maryalice Stoltzfus 610-527-3909.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

"Joshua: A Journey of Faith" by Mary Mikhael invites us to explore the challenging, sometimes heartrending, book of Joshua on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. Pursuing such themes as leadership, the promise of land, the concept of "holy war," and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn ultimately to find rest in the justice and mercy of God. **Next meeting: January 6th.** Led by Rev. Kit Schooley and Pastoral Resident, Elizabeth Lovell. Contact Joyce Malott: 610-525-4469 or okf405@erols.com



DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE

Welcome book lovers of all ages who enjoy diverse selections. This group meets the third Tuesday of the month. The daytime group features guest speakers. Attend as you wish. Facilitator Eric Johnson: 610-668-4844 or johnsone@cpnow.com

The Daytime Group Social time at 9:30 a.m. followed by discussion in Witherspoon Parlor.

The Evening Group new meeting place, in Converse House Parlor at 6:30 p.m. (If you like bring a bite to eat.)

Book Selections:

January 19th: *The Fragrance of God* by Vigen Guroian; taught by Rev. Sherri Hausser at the daytime group, Eric Johnson Evening Group. Book can be purchased at the church office for \$8.00.

February 16th: "Howard's End" by E.M. Foster; to be taught by church member Laurene A. Gunther

Future selection: Selected poems of Wallace Stevens, date to be determined, to be taught by church member Eric Lacktman.