



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

July 29, 2018
8:00 a.m., Chapel
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Rm. 102

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

See calendar for a complete schedule.

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (inclement weather location: Ministries Center Court).

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God,
All: And the earth proclaims God's handiwork.
One: Day to day pours forth speech,
All: And night to night declares knowledge.
One: With wise and discerning hearts we gather,
All: To exalt God's name together!

† HYMN 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being:
You call us to proclaim the gospel,
But we often remain silent.
You call us to live in hope,
But we are content to sit in fear.
You call us to discern truth,
But we are unable to separate fact from fiction.
Forgive us, O God.
Give us courage, by the power of your Spirit,
To share the good news, discover hope, and recognize your truth;
Through Christ our Lord.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick - ening powers;
come, shed a - broad a Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Whiteside

FIRST LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 (*p. 205 in pew Bible*)

Cathy Whiteside

SECOND LESSON 1 Kings 3:5-14 (*p. 306 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Discernment
Summer Series on *Life in the Spirit*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN** 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Cathy Whiteside

USHERING

Elder Keith Brinks

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Life in the Spirit explores God's spiritual gifts for the church to further the work of God in the world. These spiritual gifts are listed in Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; and Romans 12:6-8.

BULLETIN COVER

Galatians 5:22-23 © 2012 Timothy R. Botts | Eyekons



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Lester J. Stauts Jr. ~ July 14, 2018

Announcements

TREE REMOVAL. The Honey Locust tree located by the west driveway in front of the Sanctuary has been in declining health for some time. One-third of the canopy is dead, and there is extensive decay at the bottom of the trunk. Since this now presents a safety concern, the tree will be removed during the week of Aug. 6. Additional tree plantings will be considered in the future. PeteDiRocco@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING. For those interested in honoring a deceased loved one or celebrating an important milestone, we have space available for a flower arrangement in our Sanctuary on Sun., Aug. 19. Following the worship service, flowers will be used by our Deacons to create smaller arrangements that are delivered to members unable to attend worship. For flower reservation: DKPetrovitch@gmail.com.

KEEP US CURRENT. If you have moved recently or your contact information has changed, please let us know. We'd also appreciate updated photos for our membership database to help our pastors become better acquainted with our congregation. Send updated information and/or pictures to JaneWilber@bmpc.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MULTI-MEDIA EXHIBIT. On view through Sun., Sept. 2. Featuring artists of any media with a focus on visual interpretations of hymns from the new Presbyterian Hymnal. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

BOOK CENTER. Our Theologian in Residence this fall is Dr. M. Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. If you are interested in reading more about the Seminary (founded in 1812), pick up *Princeton Seminary in American Religion and Culture* by James H. Moorhead. Cost: \$30. The key to the Book Center is available at the Receptionist Desk throughout the summer. Leave payment at the Receptionist Desk when returning the key. [Kat MacMurray, katrmac2@icloud.com](mailto:KatMacMurray@icloud.com).

CONVERSE LIBRARY. Have you visited our library in the Ministries Center? The Library is open anytime the building is open. It is a great place to spend some time before or after a meeting or to just enjoy the quiet environment. All materials are loaned free of charge. Donations of books, CDs and DVDs are welcome; please put them in the library.

Today

SUMMER CHOIR. Through Sept. 2. Come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

This Week

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., July 30, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Register to donate blood by visiting redcrossblood.org; enter the sponsor keywords "Bryn Mawr Pres Church" on the Red Cross website to find our drive.

Save the Date

BACK TO SCHOOL KICKOFF. Tues., Aug. 28, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., BMPC Lawn. Mark your calendars for a Vacation Bible Camp reunion and Back-to-School Kickoff for children up to fifth grade! See old and new friends, play games, and get ready for an exciting year ahead. Friends are welcome! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

CONFIRMATION MEET & GREET. Wed., Sept. 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. This unique opportunity is a chance for students, parents and mentors to get to know one another before Confirmation preparation formally begins on Sun., Sept. 23. Please sign up by Fri., Aug. 31 to secure a spot at the table. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 9, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center). Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Our celebration will include picnic food, entertainment, fall program information from our ministry areas, and fellowship for all ages. All welcome; bring a friend!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN. Sun., Sept. 16, 8:45 a.m. classes: Filling the Well, a discussion group for women, and Sunday Morning Discussion Group led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Books available in the Ministries Center. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

WEEKEND GROCERY COLLECTION. Did you know that 10 percent of students in Lower Merion School District receive free or reduced-price lunches during the school year? Help us partner with Main Line Reform Temple to prepare weekend grocery bags to give to local families this summer. Please bring the following donations to BMPC and place in collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building: instant oatmeal packs, shelf-stable milk boxes, macaroni and cheese, tuna pouches, granola bars, fruit cups and cereal. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE: RECYCLING BATTERIES.

Recycling batteries allows for the reuse of resources and decreases harmful environmental effects by reducing mining and refining of virgin materials. Drop off your used household batteries in the Ministries Center. A receptacle is located on the bottom shelf of the bookcase behind the Reception Desk.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. Contribute to emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations by using the white Hunger envelopes in the pews or noting "Hunger" on the memo line of your check. You also may bring canned goods (soups, peanut butter, stews, ravioli) each Sunday to add to the Hunger Baskets in the Narthex. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or anyone you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

This Week's Calendar

For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.

Today, July 29

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Choir Loft
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Summer Choir, Sanctuary**
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12
10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for Grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, July 30

- 2:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Congregational Hall

Tuesday, July 31

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
5:30 p.m. Upward Summer Nights (Grades K - 5), Gymnasium
IT Special Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, August 1

- 5:30 p.m. Upward Summer Nights (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium

Thursday, August 2

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

Friday, August 3

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, August 4

- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Sunday, August 5

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.
Summer Sunday School for Grades K - 3.
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.

BACKPACK COLLECTION

Help students have a great start to the school year by giving them the supplies they need. Our church is helping to provide backpacks and supplies for 60 students who are in foster care served by theVillage. Here are three ways you can help:

1. CREATE A COMPLETE BACKPACK WITH SUPPLIES.

Drop it off at the church office by Sun., Aug. 5.

2. BUY SUPPLIES. Shop the Amazon supply list and items will be sent directly to the church. Visit <http://bit.ly/theVillageBackpacks> to shop. We also need: 24-count crayons (35 boxes total); 24-count colored pencils (60 boxes total); rulers (50 total); tissue boxes (35 total); pencil boxes (50 total); and composition books (200 total).

3. HELP COMPLETE BACKPACKS. Send an e-mail to RachelPedersen@bmpc.org, and she will let you know by Mon., Aug. 6 what supplies are missing.

Lilies of the Field by Beth Kempf
Consider the Lilies, Mormon Tabernacle Choir



CONGREGATIONAL MULTI-MEDIA ART EXHIBIT.

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StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Okehocking Fields
by Mimi Barclay Johnson
God of the Fertile Fields, Hymn No. 714



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