

 OUR FATHER which art in
Heaven Hallowed be Thy
Name Thy Kingdom come 
Thy Will be done in earth as it is
in Heaven Give us this day our
daily bread And forgive us our
debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil  For
Thine is the Kingdom and 
the Power and the Glory +
FOREVER  AMEN

*Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church*

September 7, 2014
8:00 AM, Chapel
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to BMPC

*Lord, Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a light to my path.*

VISITING TODAY? Please sign the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew and introduce yourself to a pastor after the service. For membership information, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

- **Worship Together Sunday:** Children in grades 1-5 and youth (grades 6-12) worship with their families.
- **Childcare for Infants-Age 5** (*with electronic pagers*): 7:45-11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg, Room 102

Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the entrance doors.

BMPC ONLINE: Visit www.bmpc.org; "Like" us at [Facebook.com/BrynMawrPC](https://www.facebook.com/BrynMawrPC); "Follow" us at [Twitter.com/BrynMawrPres](https://twitter.com/BrynMawrPres)

As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.



Worship Notes

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne M. and Bradford D. Smith. The flowers in the Chapel Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barrie and Ted Wentz.

ASSISTING with the service today is Elder David Heaton.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Dianne Heard.

TODAY IS "RALLY DAY"! Join us on the front lawn (rain location: Ministries Center) after 10:00 a.m. worship as we celebrate a new season in ministry with food, entertainment, face painting and other activities for children, and fellowship for all ages. Visit our ministry area tables to learn about upcoming events, meet Sunday school teachers, and find ways to learn, serve, and enrich your life in faith in the months ahead.

Today's bulletin cover is a pen and ink rendering of the Lord's Prayer on the wall in the Children's Chapel.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Nicole Duran

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship like Abraham and Sarah, Esther and Ezekiel,
people with vision.

**All: We come like the Samaritan woman at the well and Thomas,
people with questions.**

One: We come like Moses and Mary,
people with self-doubts.

**All: We come like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,
people with courage.**

One: We come like David and Mary Magdalene,
people with sadness and sin in our memories.

**All: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Elizabeth,
like Nathaniel and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla,
people with a part to play in the story of faith.**

One: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God.

† HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION AND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O Lord, we believe in you; help our unbelief. We love you; yet not with perfect hearts. We long for you; yet not with our full strength. We trust in you; yet not with our whole selves. O Lord, our Christ, may we have your mind and spirit, that we may be renewed according to your will, and for the sake of your glory.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Please stand, if able.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(please remain seated)*



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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Heaton

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 148 (*p. 582 in pew Bible*)

David Heaton

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 19:10-19 (*p. 65 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Call to Worship
First in a Sermon Series on Worship

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 269**

O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

DUNDEE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

MINISTRY MOMENT for Tutoring

Julia Udicious and Anabelle Harden

† HYMN 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand, if able.

Announcements

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OPEN FORUMS. Wed., Sept. 10, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor AND Sun., Sept. 14, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. All are invited to share thoughts and ideas for the areas of adult education, outreach, and worldwide ministries. You also may provide feedback via the questionnaire at www.bmpc.org (search keyword: APNC). Contact: PamLloyd@bmpc.org, ext. 8806

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 10, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall (food served until 6:45 p.m.) Cost: \$8 for adults; \$5 for children/students. New this year: watch for occasional special interest tables to connect those with common interests. To view upcoming fresh-ingredient menus by Chef Ruth, search “Wednesday dinners” at www.bmpc.org or call the church office at 610-525-2821.

NEW CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2014-2015 via the nominating forms found near the Sanctuary or Ministries Center entrances or online at www.bmpc.org/nominatingform. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. Elders and Deacons also are called upon to participate in worship services by serving communion. Contact: BradBaturka@comcast.net

RADNOR STREET PARKING LOT CLOSED. Through early November, the Radnor Street parking lot (next to the Main Line Adult Day Center) is closed due to Ministries Center roof repair work. Additional handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot behind the Sanctuary. Contact: CharlesGrant@bmpc.org, ext. 8820

SUNDAY PARKING REMINDER. Those who are able-bodied are encouraged to park behind Harcum College (access on Pennswood Road). A Montgomery Avenue crossing guard is available for safety.

PRAYER MINISTRY. Our Thursday prayer group meets weekly at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray on behalf of BMPC members and friends, and an email-supported prayer chain now expands this ministry. Submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit www.bmpc.org/prayer. Contact: Jeanne LeBuhn, wlebuhn200@comcast.net

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 any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

Children, Youth, and their Families

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL for children age 2 through grade 5 resumes on Sun., Sept. 14, in the Education Building. The schedule is as follows (child must be the age indicated by 9/1/2014):

- Age 2, Room G3, 10:00 a.m.
- Age 3, Room G2, 10:00 a.m.
- Age 4, begin in Room 106; finish in Room 105
- Grades K-5 begin worship with their families in the Sanctuary. After the Children's Moment, the children go to the Education Building for the remainder of the hour (K—Room 106; Grade 1—Room 201; Grade 2—Room 210; Grade 3—Room 204; Grades 4 & 5—assigned rooms on the third floor).

Contact: RachelPedersen@bmpe.org, ext. 8810

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL for grades 6-12 resumes on Sun., Sept. 14, in the Ministries Center. All students meet in the Gym at 10:00 a.m. for music led by the youth worship band and a teen-focused sermon. Students then break out into grade-specific teaching and small group conversation with caring adult leaders. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821

ART@9 begins on Sun., Sept. 14, from 8:45-9:50 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg., Room 201. Class provides nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children age 3 to grade 5 whose parents are attending BMPC classes. Contact: RachelPedersen@bmpe.org, ext. 8810

KICK-OFF GATHERING FOR YOUTH & PARENTS. Sun, Sept. 14, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Youth and their families are invited to gather with Pastor Kellen and the Youth Ministry Council to hear about our exciting programs and events for the upcoming year. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821

MENTOR A BMPC YOUTH. This fall, we'll start a new "Lighthouse Program" for our youth in grades 6-12 that pairs them with a caring adult mentor in our congregation. Volunteers wanted. Contact: KellenSmith@bmpe.org, ext. 8822

BECOME A "SECRET SAINT." Each fall, many of our youth start a new adventure in college or boarding school. As a church community, we remind them that there are caring folks "back home" who support them with thoughts and prayers. "Secret Saints" send goodies and cards and keep students in prayer. To be a "Saint," contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821.

Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

- **Men's Study Group.** Resumes on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month beginning Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., Converse House. Led by the Rev. Dr. R. Charles Grant, this group reads books dealing with biblical and theological study. Men of all ages invited. Contact: CharlesGrant@bmpc.org, ext. 8820
- **Dimensions in Literature.** Tues., Sept. 16, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Discuss C.J. Sansom's *Dissolution*, the first of the Shardlake series of detective/murder mystery novels set in Tudor England. Contact: Eric Johnson, johnsone@cpenow.com
- **Urban Suburban Book Group.** Tues., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 6376 City Ave., Philadelphia. Discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Contact: Sherry.archer19@yahoo.com
- **Y-Group Book Discussion (*for mothers of children newborn to age 18*).** Tues., Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m., home of Emma Ominski. Discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Contact Stephanie Walsh, stephaniebwalsh@pro-mic.com
- **Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study.** Wednesdays beginning Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Bring your Bible and supplementary materials will be provided. Contact: RachelPedersen@bmpc.org, ext. 8810

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF.

Sat., Sept. 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House, led by David Reed and Mary Joan Walheim. Ongoing support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. All welcome. Contact: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766

THE STORY OF THE JEWS. Sundays beginning Sept. 14, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. After viewing 20 minutes of the program, discuss the PBS series presented by British Historian Simon Schama. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

BREAD AS PEACE (AND ITS ABSENCE AS VIOLENCE) IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. Sundays, Sept. 14-Oct. 12, 8:45 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor, led by Jon Pahl. In this five-week series, look at biblical metaphors and how *real* bread points us to the contemporary questions of justice and peace. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

CARING AND CRAFTS. Mon., Sept. 15, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Knitters gather to make scarves, prayer shawls, mittens and hats for residents at "theVillage" (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village). Contact: Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909

Y-GROUP KICK-OFF POTLUCK BRUNCH (*for mothers of children newborn to age 18*). Tues., Sept. 16, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Dr. Asha George-Guiser, licensed marriage/family therapist and Lutheran pastor, discusses “Landing the Helicopter, Over-Parenting Anonymous: A 12-Step Program for Good Parents Gone Bad.” Bring a dish to share. Childcare available with 3-day notice to childcare@bmpc.org. Contact: Sharna Liggett, smcliggett@gmail.com

PRACTICING SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. Tues., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor, led by Spiritual Directors Patricia Danzon and Heather Swanson. Learn and engage in the practice of spiritual direction. Contact: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY. Wednesdays, Sept. 17–Nov. 19 (no class on Oct. 15), 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Kellen Smith leads a course in money management that includes practical and biblical principles of how to take control of your money, dump debt, invest in the future, and give like never before. To register and purchase materials (cost: \$93, scholarships available), contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org by Sept. 14 or visit www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/51540/class/261007/atid/l_ln

BETWEEN SOLITUDE AND SERVICE. Sundays, Sept. 21-Oct. 12, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor, led by BMPC members Paul Burgmayer and Patricia Danzon. Study the Christian practices of service and contemplation. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Musician Bill Munich performs a jazz piano program. Contact: DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY PW FALL GATHERING. Sat., Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m., Church on the Mall. Bryan Miller, Executive Director of Heeding God’s Call, addresses “Hope for Peace, Hunger and Justice.” Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and discussion. Contact: Janet Brown, jwbpeace@yahoo.com

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Sept. 30, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village, led by Marilyn Irwin. Discuss *Food and Climate*, the effects of changing climate on food security and U.S. foreign aid and climate policies. Contact: Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com

ARTISTS’ GATHERING. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Artists of any medium are invited to attend with their work to create, share, and develop their talents in a community of fellow artists. Contact: Bonnie Atwood, batwood313@verizon.net

SATURDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP. Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House. Men of all ages invited for fellowship and lively discussions. Contact: LeeComer@hotmail.com, 484-524-8271

Fine Arts

SANCTUARY CHOIR. This vibrant community of singers performs a repertoire that spans three centuries, several languages, and a variety of styles ranging from Baroque to Spirituals and Gospel. Ability to read music and some choral experience is helpful. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m., September through May. To schedule a vocal interview with Jeffrey Brillhart, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

NEW CHOIR SCHOOL DIRECTOR. Please join us in welcoming Kate Shealy to the BMPC staff as our new Choir School Director! Kate graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, and from West Chester University with a Master of Music in Music Performance with a degree in choral conducting. Passionate about her role as a music educator and conductor, she considers herself a fervent advocate for arts education. Kate extends her greetings as follows:

Hello families! I am thrilled to be joining your church community as the Choir School Director and I look forward to meeting all of you. Get ready for a great year of music and fellowship!

CHOIR SCHOOL rehearsals will continue to be on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 10, with the exception of Youth Chorale, which is moving to Sundays at 11:00 a.m. To register your child for one of our choirs or handbell choirs, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836, or visit the Choir School Rally Day table. Veteran choristers: bring a friend to the Choir School table and if he or she registers for choir, both of you will get a prize!

FINE ARTS OUTREACH. Do you have an artistic skill that can be shared with others? We are looking for volunteers to give 30-minute programs at retirement and nursing homes, scheduled at your convenience. Programs can be musical performances, travel slides, readings from literature or poetry, etc. Contact by Sept 8: DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com

SINGING FOR LIFE, BMPC's choir for older adults (55+) focuses on stretching, breathing, and vocalizing. The group meets on Friday mornings from 9:30–10:45 a.m. beginning Oct. 3. All members of the community are welcome; \$60 participation fee per semester (scholarships available). For registration information, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

ART EXHIBIT. Photographs taken during the Sanctuary Choir Tour to Germany this summer will be on exhibit in the Conference Room from Sept. 14 to Oct. 12. Visit to see the choir performing in historic churches and images of cities and homes of Bach, Handel, Martin Luther, and others made famous during the Reformation.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER HELPER. Volunteers wanted to assist once a month with our Wednesday Night Dinners and to join a group of people who enjoy the fellowship of working together for a delicious cause. Some flexibility available to fit your schedule. Contact: SueGibbons@bmpc.org, ext. 8831

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR TUTORING PROGRAM. Adult leaders and high school youth tutors are needed for the upcoming school year. Adult leaders oversee the tutors and tutors work one-on-one with students for approximately two hours on Tuesday OR Wednesday nights from mid-September through April (volunteer for either night). High school volunteers must sign up on Tues., Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Congregational Hall. Contact: Marnie Bowen, marnieb1963@aol.com

MARCH FOR CLIMATE CHANGE. Sun., Sept. 21, New York City. An opportunity to make your voice heard as world leaders come to New York City for a historic UN summit on climate change. Bus leaves Central Baptist Church, Wayne, at 9:00 a.m., and returns to Central Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. Contact: Courtenay Willcox, mcwillcox@gmail.com, 610-506-1708

ASSIST IN OUR CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY. Volunteers wanted to help in our library for a few hours on occasion. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com

SERVE THROUGH OUR PASTORAL CARE OFFICE. Opportunities include providing rides for older adults, delivering meals to those recuperating, making prayer shawls for those in need of prayer, and visiting the homebound. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833

HELP FIGHT HUNGER:

- **Casserole Blitz.** Sat., Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. Family-friendly event where nutritious casseroles are prepared so they can be distributed to Philadelphia-area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net
- **Canned Food Collection.** Pantries in our sister churches and shelters reached dangerously low levels this summer due to funding cuts and lack of donated food. Please help replenish their cupboards by donating canned food, especially protein sources such as tuna fish, peanut butter, or stews. Baskets are located in the Narthex (back of the Sanctuary) and at the Chapel entrance.
- **Hunger Envelopes.** Contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations. Please give generously for those who are hungry.

Save the Date

WELLNESS AND PREVENTION: A MATTER OF BALANCE. Fridays, Oct. 3–Nov. 21, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (8 week class), led by Ann Fossum and Maureen Krouse. Preventing falls is the best way to avoid their consequences. Learn how the risks of falling can be reduced with several interventions that are easy to include in your daily activities. In this series co-sponsored by Bryn Mawr Hospital and Main Line Health, improve your endurance, strength, and balance while having fun! Bring a brown bag lunch; manual provided. Register by Sept. 20: AnnFossum@bmpe.org, ext. 8832

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun. Oct. 5, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. All friendly creatures great and small are welcome, along with their human companions. “St Francis of Assisi” (the Rev. Dr. R. Charles Grant) will discuss our special relationship with God’s creatures of the animal kingdom and the blessings we receive from them. An offering of food and supplies for local animal shelters will be received, and refreshments will be served. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821

THE TREBLE CHORISTERS OF THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS. Wed., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is considered by major critics to be the outstanding choral ensemble of the Anglican musical tradition in the United States today. BMPC is delighted to welcome the treble choristers of the choir, directed by John Scott. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org, ext. 8836

CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE. Sat., Oct. 18; meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Ministries Center for devotions. All ages and abilities welcome. Choose from a variety of service opportunities both on the BMPC campus and in the community. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org, ext. 8819

UNION THEOLOGICAL VISITING PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES, DR. HAL TAUSSIG: MEALS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. Sundays, Oct. 26–Nov. 16, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Dr. Hal Taussig, author of *A New New Testament: A Bible for the 21st Century Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts*, presents a class on meals in the New Testament that goes beyond our usual knowledge of “the land of milk and honey.” Learn about these early Christian conventions and the meanings behind them. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org, ext. 8819

BMPC Tutoring Program Celebrates 50 Years

The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Tutoring Program is about to begin its 50th year of serving the community and thanks to outstanding leadership, it is more effective and creative than ever. Many of our church members and friends have shared in the program—supporting it as tutors or group leaders or with pledge dollars. Old friends and new are invited to celebrate this anniversary by getting to know us better.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from October through April, 50 children from William Dick Elementary in North Philadelphia arrive by bus at our Education Building. Every child is paired with a local high-schooler as his or her tutor, and small groups of tutor-student pairs are supervised and encouraged by adult group leaders. Reading support and enrichment is the hallmark of the program, but we also offer special programs in music and art, nutrition and exercise, geography, educational games, and reading aloud and speaking.

We hope the children from North Philadelphia improve their reading and academic skills, but we know for sure that our high-schoolers learn a great deal as well—about their Philadelphia neighbors, about relating to people from different backgrounds, about teaching, and about children. Indeed, the program is so prized that we generally receive more than twice as many applicants as there are places for tutors.

This year, our Hunger Committee has begun an initiative to feed the elementary children a heartier snack, freeing up the group leaders and directors to focus on the learning. Stop at their table during Rally Day for more information about how you can pitch in to prepare a light meal for the program.

We would love to have many of our tutors be BMPC members, so high school students should consider this opportunity—quickly! We also are looking for a few good Group Leaders—adults who keep the small groups on task and oversee the one-on-one partnerships. Tutors and group leaders commit to being present either Tuesdays or Wednesday evenings during our program year, from 6:45-8:00 p.m.; all school vacations off! If you are interested, contact Marnie Bowen at marnieb1963@aol.com. In any case, feel free to stop by any evening of the program and see the happy and productive work that we are doing.

Thank you so much for all of your past and present support!

This Week's Calendar Highlights

To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: www.bmpc.org

Sunday, September 7, 2014 — Rally Day

8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*

10:00 a.m. *Worship with Sanctuary Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

*Childcare for infants-age 5, **Ed. Bldg., Room 102**, 7:45-11:15 a.m.*

10:00 a.m. *Worship Together Sunday (Grades 1-12 in worship), Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. *Rally Day, Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center)*

Monday, September 8, 2014

4:00 p.m. *Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room*

7:00 p.m. *Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor*

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

1:30 p.m. *Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor*

7:00 p.m. *Session, Gloucester Room*

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

9:30 a.m. *Men's Study Group, Converse House*

4:00 p.m. *Carol Choir, Ed. Bldg., Room 202*

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

5:00 p.m. *Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor*
Beginners Choir, St. Andrew Boy Choir, St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:30 p.m. *Wednesday Night Dinner (served until 6:45 p.m.), Congregational Hall*

6:00 p.m. *StudentServe Meeting (grades 9-12), Loft*

6:30 p.m. *Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center*

7:00 p.m. *Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor*
Youth Leader Training, Loft

Thursday, September 11, 2014

9:00 a.m. *Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel*

9:30 a.m. *Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room*

7:00 p.m. *Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center*

Saturday, September 13, 2014

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters (Bereavement Group), Middleton Center

Sunday, September 14, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*
- 10:00 a.m. *Worship with Sanctuary Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- Infant and Toddler Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.*
- 8:45 a.m. Bread as Peace in the Body of Christ, Witherspoon Parlor
The Story of the Jews, Conference Room
Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Ages 2-4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K-5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gym
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K-5, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Grade Groups, Ministries Center
Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court (Coffee and Fellowship)
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Kick-off Gathering for Youth and their Families, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg., Room 101

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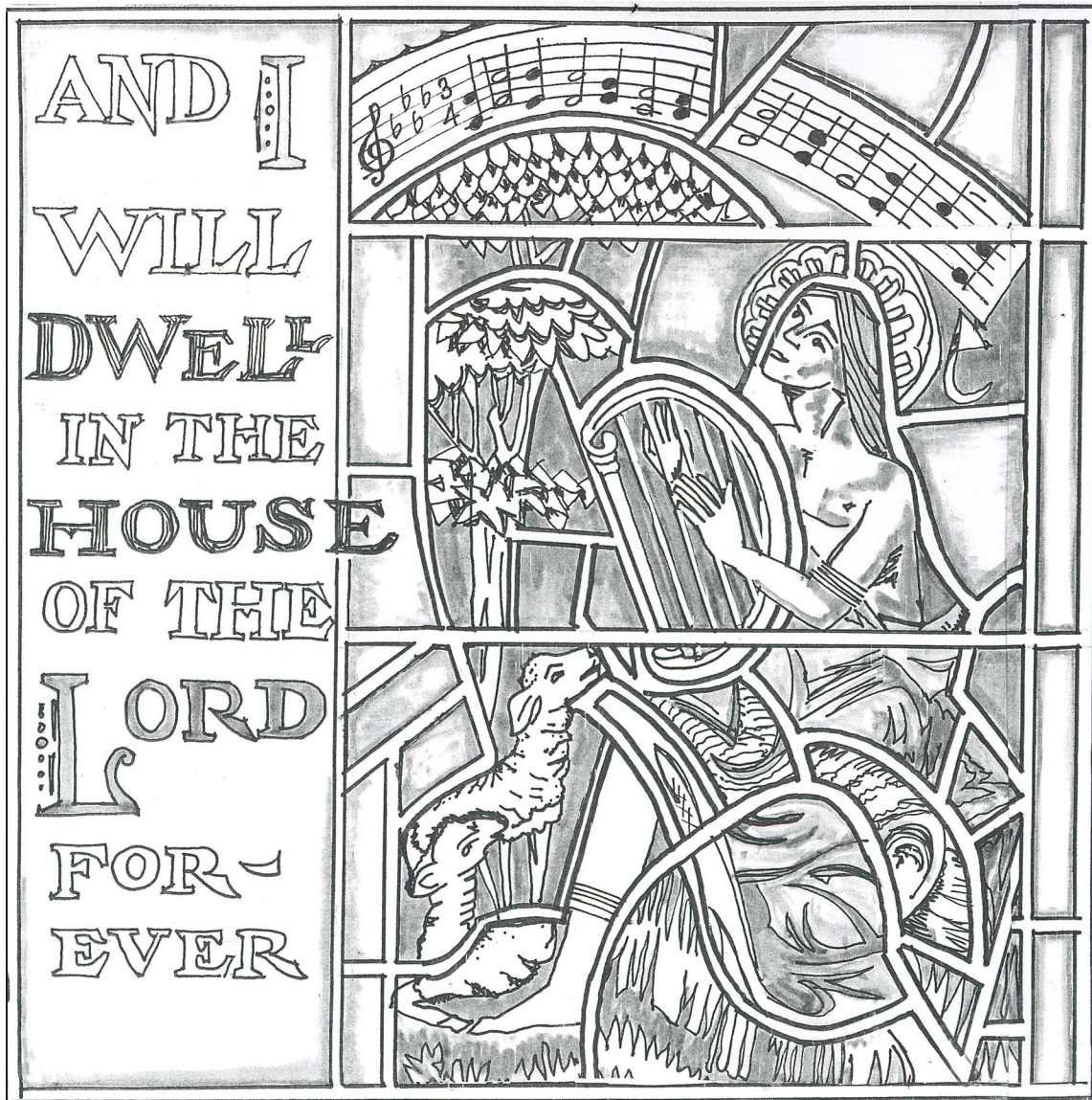
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Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2014
10:00 AM, Sanctuary
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to BMPC

*Lord, Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a light to my path.*

VISITING TODAY? Join us for the festivities and learn more about us at our “Rally Day” event after worship. For membership information, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

- **Worship Together Sunday:** Children in grades 1-5 and youth (grades 6-12) worship with their families.
- **Childcare for Infants-Age 5** (*with electronic pagers*): 7:45-11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg, Room 102

Children’s bulletins with crayons may be found near the entrance doors.

HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available for your use in a black case on the shelf in the Narthex (church entrance).

BMPC ONLINE: Visit www.bmpc.org; “Like” us at [Facebook.com/BrynMawrPC](https://www.facebook.com/BrynMawrPC); “Follow” us at [Twitter.com/BrynMawrPres](https://twitter.com/BrynMawrPres)

As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.



Worship Notes

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne M. and Bradford D. Smith. The flowers in the Chapel Garden are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barrie and Ted Wentz.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Dianne Heard.

TODAY IS “RALLY DAY”! Join us on the front lawn (rain location: Ministries Center) after 10:00 a.m. worship as we celebrate a new season in ministry with food, entertainment, face painting and other activities for children, and fellowship for all ages. Visit our ministry area tables to learn about upcoming events, meet Sunday school teachers, and find ways to learn, serve, and enrich your life in faith in the months ahead.

JEFFREY BRILLHART is in Iowa this weekend to play for a family wedding.

The bulletin cover today is a pen and ink vignette of one of the stained glass windows in the east transept which depicts Psalm 23.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* PRELUDE	Song of Sorrow and Song of Peace	Jean Langlais
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* **WELCOME** Nicole Duran

*† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship like Abraham and Sarah, Esther and Ezekiel, people with vision.

All: We come like the Samaritan woman at the well and Thomas, people with questions.

One: We come like Moses and Mary,
people with self-doubts.

All: We come like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen,
people with courage.

One: We come like David and Mary Magdalene,
people with sadness and sin in our memories.

All: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Elizabeth,
like Nathaniel and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla,
people with a part to play in the story of faith.

One: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God.

† **HYMN 138** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

O Lord, we believe in you; help our unbelief. We love you; yet not with perfect hearts. We long for you; yet not with our full strength. We trust in you; yet not with our whole selves. O Lord, our Christ, may we have your mind and spirit, that we may be renewed according to your will, and for the sake of your glory.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*† **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*.)

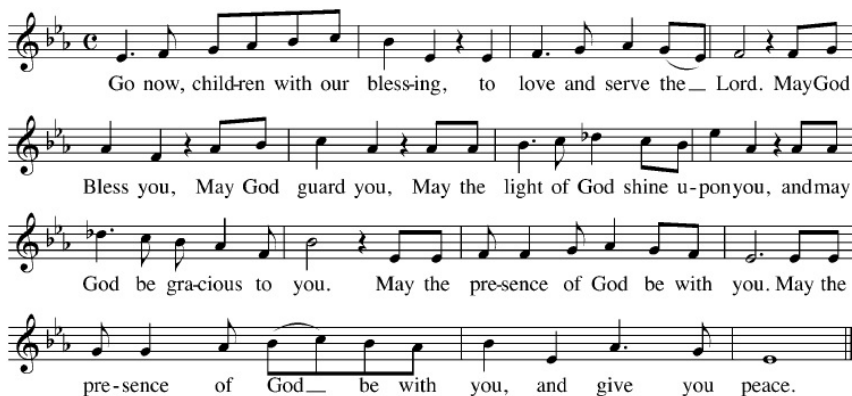
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing

(Children four and older return to their pews during the Sending Hymn to worship with their families.)



FIRST LESSON

Psalm 148 (*p. 582 in pew Bible*)

Nicole Duran

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

John Coates

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed; to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come out right. ‘Tis the gift to be gentle, ‘tis the gift to be fair, ‘tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air; and every day to walk in the the path we choose, ‘tis the gift that we pray we may never come to lose. ‘Tis the gift to be loving, ‘tis the best gift of all, like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls; and if we have the gift, we will truly believe ‘tis better to give than it is to receive.

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 19:10-19 (*p. 65 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Call to Worship

Agnes W. Norfleet

First in a Sermon Series on Worship

† HYMN 269

O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

DUNDEE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From *A Declaration of Faith*

Kellen A. Smith

The church is founded on Jesus Christ.

God has called out of ancient Israel and all nations

those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
together with their children.

Christ has chosen to be known in the world

through this community of ordinary people.

continued...

The church is marked by the Spirit.
As in the early Christian community, so in the centuries since,
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.
We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:
in preaching and sacraments,
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,
in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things,
in mission and service to the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

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

MINISTRY MOMENT for Tutoring

Julia Udicious and Anabelle Harden

OFFERING AND

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Make Our Church One Joyful Choir Jonathan Crutchfield

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost. Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss and our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross. Shape us, Christ, to bear your name. Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire, so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Amen!

† **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.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 442**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Song of Joy

Jean Langlais

† *Please stand, if able.*

Announcements

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OPEN FORUMS. Wed., Sept. 10, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor AND Sun., Sept. 14, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. All are invited to share thoughts and ideas for the areas of adult education, outreach, and worldwide ministries. You also may provide feedback via the questionnaire at www.bmpc.org (search keyword: APNC). Contact: PamLloyd@bmpc.org, ext. 8806

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 10, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall (food served until 6:45 p.m.) Cost: \$8 for adults; \$5 for children/students. New this year: watch for occasional special interest tables to connect those with common interests. To view upcoming fresh-ingredient menus by Chef Ruth, search “Wednesday dinners” at www.bmpc.org or call the church office at 610-525-2821.

NEW CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2014-2015 via the nominating forms found near the Sanctuary or Ministries Center entrances or online at www.bmpc.org/nominatingform. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. Elders and Deacons also are called upon to participate in worship services by serving communion. Contact: BradBaturka@comcast.net

RADNOR STREET PARKING LOT CLOSED. Through early November, the Radnor Street parking lot (next to the Main Line Adult Day Center) is closed due to Ministries Center roof repair work. Additional handicapped spaces are available in the parking lot behind the Sanctuary. Contact: CharlesGrant@bmpc.org, ext. 8820

SUNDAY PARKING REMINDER. Those who are able-bodied are encouraged to park behind Harcum College (access on Pennswood Road). A Montgomery Avenue crossing guard is available for safety.

PRAYER MINISTRY. Our Thursday prayer group meets weekly at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray on behalf of BMPC members and friends, and an email-supported prayer chain now expands this ministry. Submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit www.bmpc.org/prayer. Contact: Jeanne LeBuhn, wlebuhn200@comcast.net

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 any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

Children, Youth, and their Families

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL for children age 2 through grade 5 resumes on Sun., Sept. 14, in the Education Building. The schedule is as follows (child must be the age indicated by 9/1/2014):

- Age 2, Room G3, 10:00 a.m.
- Age 3, Room G2, 10:00 a.m.
- Age 4, begin in Room 106; finish in Room 105
- Grades K-5 begin worship with their families in the Sanctuary. After the Children’s Moment, the children go to the Education Building for the remainder of the hour (K—Room 106; Grade 1—Room 201; Grade 2—Room 210; Grade 3—Room 204; Grades 4 & 5—assigned rooms on the third floor).

Contact: RachelPedersen@bmpe.org, ext. 8810

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL for grades 6-12 resumes on Sun., Sept. 14, in the Ministries Center. All students meet in the Gym at 10:00 a.m. for music led by the youth worship band and a teen-focused sermon. Students then break out into grade-specific teaching and small group conversation with caring adult leaders. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821

ART@9 begins on Sun., Sept. 14, from 8:45-9:50 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg., Room 201. Class provides nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children age 3 to grade 5 whose parents are attending BMPC classes. Contact: RachelPedersen@bmpe.org, ext. 8810

KICK-OFF GATHERING FOR YOUTH & PARENTS. Sun, Sept. 14, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Youth and their families are invited to gather with Pastor Kellen and the Youth Ministry Council to hear about our exciting programs and events for the upcoming year. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821

MENTOR A BMPC YOUTH. This fall, we’ll start a new “Lighthouse Program” for our youth in grades 6-12 that pairs them with a caring adult mentor in our congregation. Volunteers wanted. Contact: KellenSmith@bmpe.org, ext. 8822

BECOME A “SECRET SAINT.” Each fall, many of our youth start a new adventure in college or boarding school. As a church community, we remind them that there are caring folks “back home” who support them with thoughts and prayers. “Secret Saints” send goodies and cards and keep students in prayer. To be a “Saint,” contact: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821.

Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

- **Men's Study Group.** Resumes on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month beginning Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m., Converse House. Led by the Rev. Dr. R. Charles Grant, this group reads books dealing with biblical and theological study. Men of all ages invited. Contact: CharlesGrant@bmpc.org, ext. 8820
- **Dimensions in Literature.** Tues., Sept. 16, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Discuss C.J. Sansom's *Dissolution*, the first of the Shardlake series of detective/murder mystery novels set in Tudor England. Contact: Eric Johnson, johnsone@cpenow.com
- **Urban Suburban Book Group.** Tues., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 6376 City Ave., Philadelphia. Discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Contact: Sherry.archer19@yahoo.com
- **Y-Group Book Discussion (*for mothers of children newborn to age 18*).** Tues., Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m., home of Emma Ominski. Discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Contact Stephanie Walsh, stephaniebwalsh@pro-mic.com
- **Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study.** Wednesdays beginning Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Bring your Bible and supplementary materials will be provided. Contact: RachelPedersen@bmpc.org, ext. 8810

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF.

Sat., Sept. 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House, led by David Reed and Mary Joan Walheim. Ongoing support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. All welcome. Contact: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766

THE STORY OF THE JEWS. Sundays beginning Sept. 14, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. After viewing 20 minutes of the program, discuss the PBS series presented by British Historian Simon Schama. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

BREAD AS PEACE (AND ITS ABSENCE AS VIOLENCE) IN THE BODY OF CHRIST. Sundays, Sept. 14-Oct. 12, 8:45 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor, led by Jon Pahl. In this five-week series, look at biblical metaphors and how *real* bread points us to the contemporary questions of justice and peace. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

CARING AND CRAFTS. Mon., Sept. 15, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Knitters gather to make scarves, prayer shawls, mittens and hats for residents at "theVillage" (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village). Contact: Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909

Y-GROUP KICK-OFF POTLUCK BRUNCH (*for mothers of children newborn to age 18*). Tues., Sept. 16, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Dr. Asha George-Guiser, licensed marriage/family therapist and Lutheran pastor, discusses “Landing the Helicopter, Over-Parenting Anonymous: A 12-Step Program for Good Parents Gone Bad.” Bring a dish to share. Childcare available with 3-day notice to childcare@bmpc.org. Contact: Sharna Liggett, smcliggett@gmail.com

PRACTICING SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. Tues., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor, led by Spiritual Directors Patricia Danzon and Heather Swanson. Learn and engage in the practice of spiritual direction. Contact: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY. Wednesdays, Sept. 17–Nov. 19 (no class on Oct. 15), 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Kellen Smith leads a course in money management that includes practical and biblical principles of how to take control of your money, dump debt, invest in the future, and give like never before. To register and purchase materials (cost: \$93, scholarships available), contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org by Sept. 14 or visit www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/51540/class/261007/atid/l_ln

BETWEEN SOLITUDE AND SERVICE. Sundays, Sept. 21-Oct. 12, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor, led by BMPC members Paul Burgmayer and Patricia Danzon. Study the Christian practices of service and contemplation. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Musician Bill Munich performs a jazz piano program. Contact: DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY PW FALL GATHERING. Sat., Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m., Church on the Mall. Bryan Miller, Executive Director of Heeding God’s Call, addresses “Hope for Peace, Hunger and Justice.” Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and discussion. Contact: Janet Brown, jwbpeace@yahoo.com

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Sept. 30, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village, led by Marilyn Irwin. Discuss *Food and Climate*, the effects of changing climate on food security and U.S. foreign aid and climate policies. Contact: Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com

ARTISTS’ GATHERING. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Artists of any medium are invited to attend with their work to create, share, and develop their talents in a community of fellow artists. Contact: Bonnie Atwood, batwood313@verizon.net

SATURDAY MORNING MEN’S GROUP. Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House. Men of all ages invited for fellowship and lively discussions. Contact: LeeComer@hotmail.com, 484-524-8271

Fine Arts

SANCTUARY CHOIR. This vibrant community of singers performs a repertoire that spans three centuries, several languages, and a variety of styles ranging from Baroque to Spirituals and Gospel. Ability to read music and some choral experience is helpful. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m., September through May. To schedule a vocal interview with Jeffrey Brillhart, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

NEW CHOIR SCHOOL DIRECTOR. Please join us in welcoming Kate Shealy to the BMPC staff as our new Choir School Director! Kate graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, and from West Chester University with a Master of Music in Music Performance with a degree in choral conducting. Passionate about her role as a music educator and conductor, she considers herself a fervent advocate for arts education. Kate extends her greetings as follows:

Hello families! I am thrilled to be joining your church community as the Choir School Director and I look forward to meeting all of you. Get ready for a great year of music and fellowship!

CHOIR SCHOOL rehearsals will continue to be on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 10, with the exception of Youth Chorale, which is moving to Sundays at 11:00 a.m. To register your child for one of our choirs or handbell choirs, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836, or visit the Choir School Rally Day table. Veteran choristers: bring a friend to the Choir School table and if he or she registers for choir, both of you will get a prize!

FINE ARTS OUTREACH. Do you have an artistic skill that can be shared with others? We are looking for volunteers to give 30-minute programs at retirement and nursing homes, scheduled at your convenience. Programs can be musical performances, travel slides, readings from literature or poetry, etc. Contact by Sept 8: DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com

SINGING FOR LIFE, BMPC's choir for older adults (55+) focuses on stretching, breathing, and vocalizing. The group meets on Friday mornings from 9:30–10:45 a.m. beginning Oct. 3. All members of the community are welcome; \$60 participation fee per semester (scholarships available). For registration information, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

ART EXHIBIT. Photographs taken during the Sanctuary Choir Tour to Germany this summer will be on exhibit in the Conference Room from Sept. 14 to Oct. 12. Visit to see the choir performing in historic churches and images of cities and homes of Bach, Handel, Martin Luther, and others made famous during the Reformation.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER HELPER. Volunteers wanted to assist once a month with our Wednesday Night Dinners and to join a group of people who enjoy the fellowship of working together for a delicious cause. Some flexibility available to fit your schedule. Contact: SueGibbons@bmpc.org, ext. 8831

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR TUTORING PROGRAM. Adult leaders and high school youth tutors are needed for the upcoming school year. Adult leaders oversee the tutors and tutors work one-on-one with students for approximately two hours on Tuesday OR Wednesday nights from mid-September through April (volunteer for either night). High school volunteers must sign up on Tues., Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Congregational Hall. Contact: Marnie Bowen, marnieb1963@aol.com

MARCH FOR CLIMATE CHANGE. Sun., Sept. 21, New York City. An opportunity to make your voice heard as world leaders come to New York City for a historic UN summit on climate change. Bus leaves Central Baptist Church, Wayne, at 9:00 a.m., and returns to Central Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$20. Contact: Courtenay Willcox, mcwillcox@gmail.com, 610-506-1708

ASSIST IN OUR CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY. Volunteers wanted to help in our library for a few hours on occasion. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com

SERVE THROUGH OUR PASTORAL CARE OFFICE. Opportunities include providing rides for older adults, delivering meals to those recuperating, making prayer shawls for those in need of prayer, and visiting the homebound. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833

HELP FIGHT HUNGER:

- **Casserole Blitz.** Sat., Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. Family-friendly event where nutritious casseroles are prepared so they can be distributed to Philadelphia-area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net
- **Canned Food Collection.** Pantries in our sister churches and shelters reached dangerously low levels this summer due to funding cuts and lack of donated food. Please help replenish their cupboards by donating canned food, especially protein sources such as tuna fish, peanut butter, or stews. Baskets are located in the Narthex (back of the Sanctuary) and at the Chapel entrance.
- **Hunger Envelopes.** Contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations. Please give generously for those who are hungry.

Save the Date

WELLNESS AND PREVENTION: A MATTER OF BALANCE. Fridays, Oct. 3–Nov. 21, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (8 week class), led by Ann Fossum and Maureen Krouse. Preventing falls is the best way to avoid their consequences. Learn how the risks of falling can be reduced with several interventions that are easy to include in your daily activities. In this series co-sponsored by Bryn Mawr Hospital and Main Line Health, improve your endurance, strength, and balance while having fun! Bring a brown bag lunch; manual provided. Register by Sept. 20: AnnFossum@bmpc.org, ext. 8832

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun. Oct. 5, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. All friendly creatures great and small are welcome, along with their human companions. “St Francis of Assisi” (the Rev. Dr. R. Charles Grant) will discuss our special relationship with God’s creatures of the animal kingdom and the blessings we receive from them. An offering of food and supplies for local animal shelters will be received, and refreshments will be served. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821

THE TREBLE CHORISTERS OF THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS. Wed., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is considered by major critics to be the outstanding choral ensemble of the Anglican musical tradition in the United States today. BMPC is delighted to welcome the treble choristers of the choir, directed by John Scott. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836

CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE. Sat., Oct. 18; meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Ministries Center for devotions. All ages and abilities welcome. Choose from a variety of service opportunities both on the BMPC campus and in the community. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

UNION THEOLOGICAL VISITING PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES, DR. HAL TAUSSIG: MEALS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. Sundays, Oct. 26–Nov. 16, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Dr. Hal Taussig, author of *A New New Testament: A Bible for the 21st Century Combining Traditional and Newly Discovered Texts*, presents a class on meals in the New Testament that goes beyond our usual knowledge of “the land of milk and honey.” Learn about these early Christian conventions and the meanings behind them. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

BMPC Tutoring Program Celebrates 50 Years

The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Tutoring Program is about to begin its 50th year of serving the community and thanks to outstanding leadership, it is more effective and creative than ever. Many of our church members and friends have shared in the program—supporting it as tutors or group leaders or with pledge dollars. Old friends and new are invited to celebrate this anniversary by getting to know us better.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from October through April, 50 children from William Dick Elementary in North Philadelphia arrive by bus at our Education Building. Every child is paired with a local high-schooler as his or her tutor, and small groups of tutor-student pairs are supervised and encouraged by adult group leaders. Reading support and enrichment is the hallmark of the program, but we also offer special programs in music and art, nutrition and exercise, geography, educational games, and reading aloud and speaking.

We hope the children from North Philadelphia improve their reading and academic skills, but we know for sure that our high-schoolers learn a great deal as well—about their Philadelphia neighbors, about relating to people from different backgrounds, about teaching, and about children. Indeed, the program is so prized that we generally receive more than twice as many applicants as there are places for tutors.

This year, our Hunger Committee has begun an initiative to feed the elementary children a heartier snack, freeing up the group leaders and directors to focus on the learning. Stop at their table during Rally Day for more information about how you can pitch in to prepare a light meal for the program.

We would love to have many of our tutors be BMPC members, so high school students should consider this opportunity—quickly! We also are looking for a few good Group Leaders—adults who keep the small groups on task and oversee the one-on-one partnerships. Tutors and group leaders commit to being present either Tuesdays or Wednesday evenings during our program year, from 6:45-8:00 p.m.; all school vacations off! If you are interested, contact Marnie Bowen at marnieb1963@aol.com. In any case, feel free to stop by any evening of the program and see the happy and productive work that we are doing.

Thank you so much for all of your past and present support!

This Week's Calendar Highlights

To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: www.bmpc.org

Sunday, September 7, 2014 — Rally Day

8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*

10:00 a.m. *Worship with Sanctuary Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

*Childcare for infants-age 5, **Ed. Bldg., Room 102**, 7:45-11:15 a.m.*

10:00 a.m. *Worship Together Sunday (Grades 1-12 in worship), Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. *Rally Day, Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center)*

Monday, September 8, 2014

4:00 p.m. *Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room*

7:00 p.m. *Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor*

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

1:30 p.m. *Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor*

7:00 p.m. *Session, Gloucester Room*

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

9:30 a.m. *Men's Study Group, Converse House*

4:00 p.m. *Carol Choir, Ed. Bldg., Room 202*

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

5:00 p.m. *Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor*
Beginners Choir, St. Andrew Boy Choir, St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:30 p.m. *Wednesday Night Dinner (served until 6:45 p.m.), Congregational Hall*

6:00 p.m. *StudentServe Meeting (grades 9-12), Loft*

6:30 p.m. *Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center*

7:00 p.m. *Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor*
Youth Leader Training, Loft

Thursday, September 11, 2014

9:00 a.m. *Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel*

9:30 a.m. *Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room*

7:00 p.m. *Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center*

Saturday, September 13, 2014

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters (Bereavement Group), Middleton Center

Sunday, September 14, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*
- 10:00 a.m. *Worship with Sanctuary Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- Infant and Toddler Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.*
- 8:45 a.m. Bread as Peace in the Body of Christ, Witherspoon Parlor
The Story of the Jews, Conference Room
Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Room 201
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Ages 2-4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K-5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gym
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K-5, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Grade Groups, Ministries Center
Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court (Coffee and Fellowship)
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Kick-off Gathering for Youth and their Families, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg., Room 101

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