



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to BMPC

We are pleased that you have joined us as we gather to worship God. Our programs and ministries are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Please introduce yourself to a pastor after the service.

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

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Who is our keeper?

All: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

One: How long will God protect us?

**All: God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

† HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, we come before you
in need of forgiveness and grace.

You call us to trust in you completely,
but we do not.

We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.

We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.

We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to change.

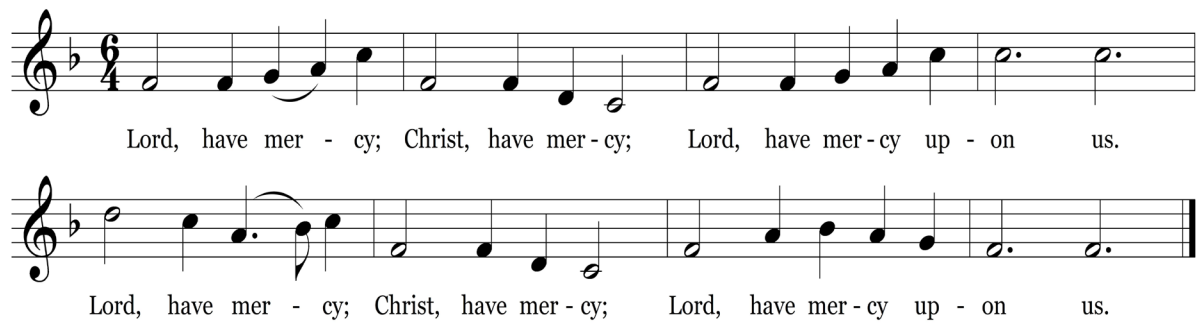
Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace
in the family of faith.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Patricia Danzon

FIRST LESSON

John 3:1-8 (p. 93 in pew Bible)

Patricia Danzon

SECOND LESSON

John 3:9-17 (p. 94 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Through the Dark

Agnes W. Norfleet

First in a 4-part series on Encounters with Jesus

† HYMN 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 441** Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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USHERING

Tom Willcox

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT 10:00am

Sebastian Joseph Jones, son of Leah and David Jones
Katherine Elizabeth Graham, daughter of Melanie Graham
Bliss McKenna Odiorne, daughter of Liz and Peter Odiorne
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ONE BOOK-ONE CHURCH. Copies of Eboo Patel’s book, *Acts of Faith*, are available in the Book Center for the reduced price of \$5.00. An all-church discussion of the book is scheduled for April 2, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

STAINED GLASS ART EXHIBIT. On view through Sunday, April 23. The glorious colors of the early Tiffany windows of the Chapel sparkle anew after old protective glazing was removed. This Ministries Center exhibit of new photographs as well as many of the traditional Willet designs helps tell the history and story of these windows. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

BMPC LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Love books? Our library in Converse House Parlor next to the Ministries Center could use your help. Choose your own hours. Pat Burgess, 610-664-3518.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, BMPC Campus (kick-off on Sun., June 18). This year we “Explore the Parables through Art.” For more details or to sign up, search “Vacation Bible Camp” at www.bmpc.org. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Today

YOUTH STEP-UP PREVIEW. 10:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Fifth graders will attend the youth gathering following the Children’s Moment. Fourth and fifth grade parents are invited to a meeting in the gym with Pastor Kellen following worship. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

CARILLON TOUR. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following worship to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY. Sundays through March 26, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Seminary Intern David Smith leads “Encounters with Jesus,” a study of the stories from the Gospel of John that have shaped our Lenten Devotional. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PEACEMAKING SERIES ON CORRECTIONS ISSUES. Today and Sun., March 19, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Our Peacemaking Committee addresses problems within the American justice system with speaker Kate Germond of Centurion Ministries about their work with men and women who are serving life or death sentences for crimes they did not commit. On March 19, view the film *13th*, a documentary centered on race in the U.S. criminal justice system that was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary. Refreshments will be served. Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com.

The Season of Lent

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET. Guide and enrich your journey through the 40 days of Lent using a devotional written by BMPC members and staff. Copies are available in church information racks or you may access the devotions on our website; search “Devotional” at www.bmpc.org.

MIDDAY LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS. Tuesdays through April 11, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Spend your lunch hour listening to talented organists play BMPC’s magnificent Rieger organ. March 14 – Lucas Brown; March 21 – Bryan Holten; March 28 – Andrew Senn; April 4 – Edward Landin; April 11 – Kathleen Scheide. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

WEDNESDAY VESPER SERVICES. Wednesdays through March 29, Chapel, 7:00 p.m. A simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence led by the pastors.

This Week

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY. Mondays, March 13 & 20, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Rabbi David Strauss of Main Line Reform Temple and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for two evenings of study as we explore significant biblical texts that we, as both Christians and Jews, share. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., March 14, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. The United Kingdom referendum on European Union membership sent shockwaves across the globe, causing it to face an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more important than ever. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt? Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION. Tues., March 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Ministry Architects, consultants, present a report following the assessment of our youth ministry. All church members are invited to hear the results. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation runs from 5:45-7:00 p.m. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE: PART I. Wed., March 15, 3:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. View the Academy Award-winning 1930 anti-war film *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Eric Johnson, erichorjohnson@gmail.com.

Y-GROUP. Thurs., March 16, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join mothers and other caregivers of children ages newborn to 18 for a styling event with Sharon Garlepp. Amy Barrickman, amybarrickman@gmail.com.

FAITH UNDER THREE PLAY DATE. Sat., March 18, 10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lobby, & Sun., March 26, 9:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. Saturday is a morning play session with your child. Each month we play with different Bible stories, spiritual practices and more entertaining activities designed for children under three. A parents' discussion follow Sun., March 26. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Upcoming

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., March 21, noon, Converse House Parlor. Members of BMPC and Overbrook & Wynnefield Presbyterian Churches meet to discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Edelenne Carroll, carrollvirgo@verizon.net.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE: PART II. Tues., March 21, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Rosemont College Professor Emeritus Dr. Erlis Wickersham leads a discussion of the film and Erich Maria Remarque's novel *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Eric Johnson, ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

TALKING ABOUT THE REFUGEE CRISES WITH CHILDREN. Tues., March 21, 6:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Parents and children are invited to an hour-long program about refugees. Parents can attend with or without children. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

LEBANON/SYRIA TRIP PRESENTATION. Sun., March 26, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join members of our team that traveled to Lebanon and Syria in February, to hear more about the work of our partners there who help both refugee families as well as internally-displaced Syrians. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., March 27, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Michael Hogue, BMPC's new tenor soloist, shares his knowledge of translation in vocal music while offering some examples. DeAnn Clancy, 610-525-8347, deannclancy@hotmail.com.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., March 18, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Family-friendly event where we prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

DONATE FOR HYGIENE KITS. Sunday School students assemble needed items for hygiene kits for their Mission Palooza event on April 23. Help by donating entire kit or single items in the collection bins in the Ministries Center or Education Building. Kit includes hand towel (approx. 16x28), wash cloth, wide-tooth comb, nail clippers, new bath-size soap bars, new toothbrush and 10 Band-Aids or other adhesive strips. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

STOP HUNGER NOW. Sat., April 1, 8:30 a.m. Our annual meal-packing event sponsored by our Hunger Committee and Senior Adult Council. Activities will be completed by noon. This family-friendly event will pack 20,000 nutritious meals for people in need. Sign ups: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

IS GARDENING YOUR PASSION? Volunteer with our Common Ground Committee that works to bring an environmentally friendly (as well as beautiful) use of the grounds that surround our campus. Mickey Cooper, RRRailer@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER FOR A REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM. Sign up today to support a local refugee family. Teams include housing, furnishings, food/shopping, medical, transportation, employment, education, finance, clothing, and friendship. florence.zeller@gmail.com.

This Week's Calendar

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Today, March 12

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Volunteers, Gloucester Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
Youth Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center
- 11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Bible Study, Fullerton Room
Peacemaking Series on Corrections Issues, Witherspoon Parlor
Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Youth, Loft
Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Lunch for Youth and Parents, Cong. Hall
- 12:45 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Youth Parents, Loft
- 2:00 p.m. New Officer Training, Gloucester Room
- 2:15 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Youth Ministry Council, Loft
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Deacons, Elders and Trustees, Loft
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Church Members, Loft

Monday, March 13

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Studying Scripture with Main Line Reform Temple, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Organ Recital, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Report Presentation, Congregational Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Home and School Association Meeting, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" for grades K - 5, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Vesper Service, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, March 16

- 9:15 a.m. Y-Group, Congregational Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 5:00 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
Pinewood Derby Set-Up, Gymnasium

Saturday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:00 a.m. Pinewood Derby, Gymnasium
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
10:00 a.m. Faith Under Three Play Date, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Edward L. Landin, Assistant Director of Music

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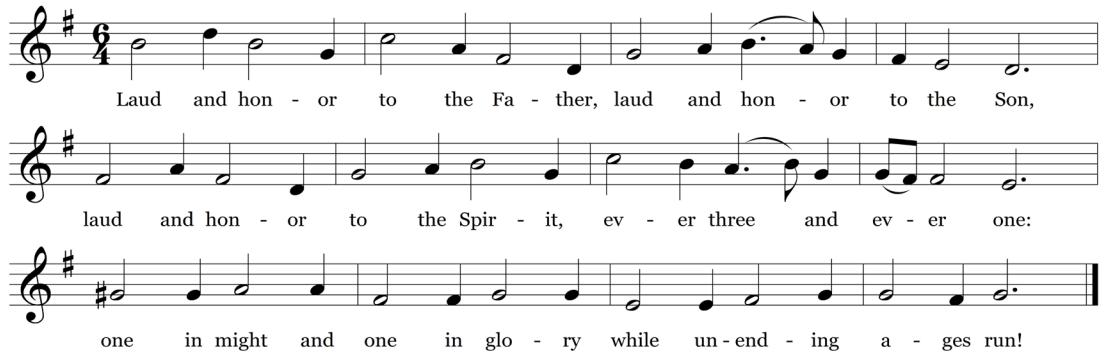
trusting that you have included us by grace

in the family of faith.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI**



Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rachel Pedersen
Elder Mary Beth Pratt
with Annabelle Parente

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

All: We do.

SENDING HYMN 188 Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1) JESUS LOVES ME

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.

ANTHEM Teach Me, O Lord Philip Stopford
Sanctuary Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity; and quicken me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17 (p. 93 in pew Bible)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

~ From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 121
Sanctuary Choir

Zoltan Kodaly

I will lift mine eyes to the hills whence cometh my help? My help cometh from God, from the Lord who made Heaven and the Earth. He will protect thy footsteps and He that keeps thee will not sleep. He that keepeth Israel shall not slumber, nor sleep. He is thy guard, and thy shade on thy right

hand. Burning sun shall harm thee not, not shall the moon by night. He shall preserve thee safe from harm. The Lord of hosts shall guard thee, preserve thee from every ill. He shall preserve thy soul. He shall preserve thy going out and coming in from this day forth for evermore.

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

† **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606

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 441** Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

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GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of the Children's Choir and their families

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EASTER LILY DONATIONS (DUE MARCH 19). Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Easter Sunday bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of the... (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism, etc.) of.” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used to provide floral decoration of BMPC and materials for the Deacons’ flower ministry. SarahMiciekb@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

RECEPTION HONORING DICK WOHLSCHLAEGER. A reception to honor Dick’s two years of service as interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults will follow 10:00 a.m. worship on Sun., March 26, Ministries Center Court.

ONE BOOK-ONE CHURCH. Copies of Eboo Patel’s book, *Acts of Faith*, are available in the Book Center for the reduced price of \$5.00. An all-church discussion of the book is scheduled for April 2, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

STAINED GLASS ART EXHIBIT. On view through Sunday, April 23. The glorious colors of the early Tiffany windows of the Chapel sparkle anew after old protective glazing was removed. This Ministries Center exhibit of new photographs as well as many of the traditional Willet designs helps tell the history and story of these windows. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

BMPC LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Love books? Our library in Converse House Parlor next to the Ministries Center could use your help. Choose your own hours. Pat Burgess, 610-664-3518.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, BMPC Campus (kick-off on Sun., June 18). This year we “Explore the Parables through Art.” For more details or to sign up, search “Vacation Bible Camp” at www.bmpc.org. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Today

YOUTH STEP-UP PREVIEW. 10:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Fifth graders will attend the youth gathering following the Children’s Moment. Fourth and fifth grade parents are invited to a meeting in the gym with Pastor Kellen following worship. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

CARILLON TOUR. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following worship to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY. Sundays through March 26, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Seminary Intern David Smith leads “Encounters with Jesus,” a study of the stories from the Gospel of John that have shaped our Lenten Devotional. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PEACEMAKING SERIES ON CORRECTIONS ISSUES. Today and Sun., March 19, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Our Peacemaking Committee addresses problems within the American justice system with speaker Kate Germond of Centurion Ministries about their work with men and women who are serving life or death sentences for crimes they did not commit. On March 19, view the film *13th*, a documentary centered on race in the U.S. criminal justice system that was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary. Refreshments will be served. Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com.

The Season of Lent

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET. Guide and enrich your journey through the 40 days of Lent using a devotional written by BMPC members and staff. Copies are available in church information racks or you may access the devotions on our website; search “Devotional” at www.bmpc.org.

MIDDAY LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS. Tuesdays through April 11, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Spend your lunch hour listening to talented organists play BMPC’s magnificent Rieger organ. March 14 – Lucas Brown; March 21 – Bryan Holten; March 28 – Andrew Senn; April 4 – Edward Landin; April 11 – Kathleen Scheide. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

WEDNESDAY VESPER SERVICES. Wednesdays through March 29, Chapel, 7:00 p.m. A simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence led by the pastors.

This Week

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY. Mondays, March 13 & 20, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Rabbi David Strauss of Main Line Reform Temple and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for two evenings of study as we explore significant biblical texts that we, as both Christians and Jews, share. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., March 14, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. The United Kingdom referendum on European Union membership sent shockwaves across the globe, causing it to face an uncertain future. Amid a refugee crisis, lingering financial recession and the constant specter of terrorism, unity seems more important than ever. What will post-Brexit Europe look like, and how can U.S. foreign policy adapt? Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION. Tues., March 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Ministry Architects, consultants, present a report following the assessment of our youth ministry. All church members are invited to hear the results. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation runs from 5:45-7:00 p.m. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE: PART I. Wed., March 15, 3:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. View the Academy Award-winning 1930 anti-war film *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Eric Johnson, erichorjohnson@gmail.com.

Y-GROUP. Thurs., March 16, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join mothers and other caregivers of children ages newborn to 18 for a styling event with Sharon Garlepp. Amy Barrickman, amybarrickman@gmail.com.

FAITH UNDER THREE PLAY DATE. Sat., March 18, 10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lobby, & Sun., March 26, 9:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. Saturday is a morning play session with your child. Each month we play with different Bible stories, spiritual practices and more entertaining activities designed for children under three. A parents' discussion follow Sun., March 26. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Upcoming

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., March 21, noon, Converse House Parlor. Members of BMPC and Overbrook & Wynnefield Presbyterian Churches meet to discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. Edelenne Carroll, carrollvirgo@verizon.net.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE: PART II. Tues., March 21, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Rosemont College Professor Emeritus Dr. Erlis Wickersham leads a discussion of the film and Erich Maria Remarque's novel *All Quiet on the Western Front*. Eric Johnson, ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

TALKING ABOUT THE REFUGEE CRISES WITH CHILDREN. Tues., March 21, 6:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Parents and children are invited to an hour-long program about refugees. Parents can attend with or without children. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

LEBANON/SYRIA TRIP PRESENTATION. Sun., March 26, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join members of our team that traveled to Lebanon and Syria in February, to hear more about the work of our partners there who help both refugee families as well as internally-displaced Syrians. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., March 27, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Michael Hogue, BMPC's new tenor soloist, shares his knowledge of translation in vocal music while offering some examples. DeAnn Clancy, 610-525-8347, deannclancy@hotmail.com.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., March 18, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Family-friendly event where we prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

DONATE FOR HYGIENE KITS. Sunday School students assemble needed items for hygiene kits for their Mission Palooza event on April 23. Help by donating entire kit or single items in the collection bins in the Ministries Center or Education Building. Kit includes hand towel (approx. 16x28), wash cloth, wide-tooth comb, nail clippers, new bath-size soap bars, new toothbrush and 10 Band-Aids or other adhesive strips. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

STOP HUNGER NOW. Sat., April 1, 8:30 a.m. Our annual meal-packing event sponsored by our Hunger Committee and Senior Adult Council. Activities will be completed by noon. This family-friendly event will pack 20,000 nutritious meals for people in need. Sign ups: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

IS GARDENING YOUR PASSION? Volunteer with our Common Ground Committee that works to bring an environmentally friendly (as well as beautiful) use of the grounds that surround our campus. Mickey Cooper, RRRailer@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER FOR A REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM. Sign up today to support a local refugee family. Teams include housing, furnishings, food/shopping, medical, transportation, employment, education, finance, clothing, and friendship. florence.zeller@gmail.com.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, March 12

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Volunteers, Gloucester Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
Youth Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft
11:15 a.m. Fullerton Bible Study, Fullerton Room
Peacemaking Series on Corrections Issues, Witherspoon Parlor
Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Youth, Loft
Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Lunch for Youth and Parents, Cong. Hall
12:45 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Youth Parents, Loft
2:00 p.m. New Officer Training, Gloucester Room
2:15 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Youth Ministry Council, Loft
4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Deacons, Elders and Trustees, Loft
5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Church Members, Loft

Monday, March 13

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Studying Scripture with Main Line Reform Temple, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Organ Recital, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Report Presentation, Congregational Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Home and School Association Meeting, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" for grades K - 5, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Vesper Service, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, March 16

- 9:15 a.m. Y-Group, Congregational Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 5:00 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
Pinewood Derby Set-Up, Gymnasium

Saturday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:00 a.m. Pinewood Derby, Gymnasium
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
10:00 a.m. Faith Under Three Play Date, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

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