



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 30, 2018
8:00 a.m., Chapel
26th 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

Art @ 9

School 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

Filling the Well

Women's Study
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Adult Study
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

Reflective Bible Study

9:25 a.m., Middleton Center

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School, Adult Education
See calendar for a complete schedule.

Capital Campaign Conversation

Campus Renovations
11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

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 for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

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

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

One: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you.

One: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

All: Responding to such faithfulness, let us worship God!

† HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God

in whom we live and move and have our being,
forgive us.

Forgive our bleak imaginations,
and our hesitation to trust in your good news.

Forgive our slowness to share your gifts,
and our reluctance to love our neighbors and carry their burdens.

Startle us, we pray,
with burning truth that will shake us,
and with blinding love that will not let us go.

We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray, but
you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sally Nelson

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1-9 (p. 127 in pew Bible) Sally Nelson

SECOND LESSON Exodus 3:1-15 (p. 50 in pew Bible) Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

SERMON Burning Encounters Franklyn C. Pottorff
Fourth in The Art and Architecture of Faith Series

† HYMN 282 Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Peace and Global Witness

Anne Chamberlin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Rev. Dr. Glenn H. Asquith, Jr.

Grafton D. Chase

Mark Janson

Richard W. Knecht

Paul and Mary Jane MacMurray

Emilie M. Pyle

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Sally Nelson

USHERING

Michelle LaFarge

SERMON SERIES

Our *Book of Confessions* states: “The arts, music and architecture contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God’s love.” *The Art and Architecture of Faith* series will explore the deep meaning of some of our congregation’s most treasured visual expressions of faith and how they are meant to encourage our Christian life and mission.

BULLETIN COVER

The Burning Bush by Peter Lipman-Wulf, 1960

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” class tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 1, at 7:00 p.m. or Sat., Oct. 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL 2019-20 REGISTRATION. BMPC members have priority in placement through Oct. 31. Programs are available for children ages 2 years and 7 months to 5 years. For information, contact Kim Black, weekdayschool@bmpc.org or 610-520-8840.

Today

KERRY COUGHLIN: HIAS PENNSYLVANIA. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. HIAS Pennsylvania has taken the lead in our area when it comes to supporting asylum seekers, supporting refugee resettlement, and connecting people of faith to the vital work of welcoming the stranger among us. Kerry shares how we can give our time and energy to this work.

BMPC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a presentation to learn more about how *This Time, This Place: The Campaign for Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church* will enhance churchwide hospitality and accessibility. This presentation features renderings of all church areas; members of our Campaign Renovation Committee will lead this discussion. For information about being a volunteer or supporting the campaign, contact campaign director Derrick Smith, ThisTimeThisPlace@bmpc.org.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Today is the final day to submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2018-19 via the nominating forms found in the Sanctuary, Ministries Center or online at www.bmpc.org/nominatingform. Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the stewardship campaign. Rich Allman, AllmanR@verizon.net.

This Week

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Mann leads our study of *God's Promise: I Am with You*, by Amy Poling Sutherlun, Chapter 2. Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com.

PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL YOGA. Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Oct. 3, 12:30 p.m., Gymnasium. Classes help support pregnant women and new moms with pre-crawling infants. Colleen Bertrand is our experienced instructor. Suggested donation of \$15 per class. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

JOIN SINGING FOR LIFE. Thursdays, beginning Oct. 4, 9:30-10:45 a.m. BMPC's choir for adults age 55+ is looking for new members. \$75 registration fee per semester; scholarships available. Register: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM. Sat., Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. - noon, Congregational Hall. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. This free symposium is for caregivers and anyone living with or concerned about deep memory loss. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.

Next Sunday

TOUR OF RIEGER ORGAN. Sun., Oct. 7, 11:10 a.m. Come to the choir loft during the postlude and learn what makes this pipe organ so special. Led by Jeffrey Brillhart.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION REPORT. Sun., Oct. 7, 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Join us for a report on the work of Urban Mosaic in the slum communities of Mexico City and hear how the experience of serving in mission and building mission relationships impacted our young people. This presentation is done in conjunction with our monthly intergenerational mission projects.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 7, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

COMMUNITY FORUM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES. Mon., Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. BMPC welcomes Brooke Gladstone to the Sanctuary as part of our Community Forum Distinguished Speaker Series. Gladstone, co-host and managing editor of WNYC's "On the Media," is a longtime media analyst and an expert on trends in the press. She discusses her new book, *The Trouble with Reality*. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Oct. 9, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Lecture and discussion of "Navigating Big Emotions" led by Dr. Margot Burke, child psychologist and founder of Milestone Child Psychology and Wellness, which helps children reach their full potential. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discuss "U.S. Global Engagement and the Military." With a changing balance of world power and disagreement over isolationism vs. world leadership, what is America's present and future role in the balance of global military power? Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com, 484-380-3685.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Oct. 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Anne Lee. Join old and new friends for potluck dinner, fellowship and a lively discussion of "I Would've Written It Differently" led by the Rev. Debra L. Sutton. Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net, including the specific food or drink donation you will bring.

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE. Sat., Oct. 13 and Sun., Oct. 14, Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, presents a lecture, “On Earth As It Is In Heaven,” on Sat., Oct. 13 at 10:00 a.m. A light brunch is available at 9:30 a.m. He presents a second lecture, “The Temptation to be Less Than Human,” on Sun., Oct. 14 at 11:15 a.m. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP FALL FESTIVAL. Sun., Oct. 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Front Lawn. Join us for fall fellowship and fun for the entire family. Meet the petting zoo animals, decorate a pumpkin and enjoy a picnic for the whole family. Freewill donation of \$20 per family is suggested. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

TOUR THE WOODMERE ART MUSEUM. Tues., Oct. 16, 9:00 a.m.; meet in back parking lot. Woodmere is a 19th-century stone mansion in Chestnut Hill and is dedicated to the art and artists of Philadelphia. Bus departs promptly at 9:15 a.m.; arrive no later than 9:00 a.m.; return by 12:30 p.m. Register with your check for \$15 per person, made payable to BMPC Senior Adults, attn. Amy Bauer.

HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER. Fri., Oct. 19, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share! Ham and mashed potatoes provided. Following dinner, fellowship continues with line and square dancing in the gymnasium. All ages and abilities welcome. JaneWilber@bmpe.org.

Caring & Sharing

ADULT LEADERS FOR TUTORING. Adult leaders still are needed to support the tutoring program on Tuesdays from 6:45-8:00 p.m., October through April. Jackie Henisee, j.henisee@gmail.com.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Today & Sun., Oct. 7. Envelopes are in the pews for this special offering that shares Christ’s peace with others. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays in our congregation, 25% goes to peacemaking work in our region, and 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation in cultures of violence. Please note “Peacemaking” on the memo line of your check.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m. Main Kitchen, Ministries Center. Join the Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles for Philadelphia shelters. Great family activity (children over 4). Register: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

PEACEMAKING GRANTS. The Peacemaking Committee needs your help in connecting to local or international organizations doing the work of peacemaking, particularly in the Middle East. If you can suggest an organization the committee could partner with through grants of \$1,000 or less, contact Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com. Application deadline: Oct. 31.

HUNGER ENVELOPES. The need for assistance is increasing, and your donations are the only source of income the Hunger Committee uses to support organizations in the Philadelphia area. Please consider a donation by using the envelopes in the pew holders or noting “Hunger” in the memo section of your check.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, September 30

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 6 - 12, Chapel
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Kindergartners, Ed. Bldg.
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 1 - 5, Chapel
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Café in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. Quartet Ringers, Fine Arts Center
Choir Tour Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
Kerry Coughlin, HIAS Pennsylvania, Witherspoon Parlor
11:30 a.m. Capital Campaign Conversation: Campus Rennovations, Congregational Hall
3:00 p.m. Serving at Hub of Hope, Suburban Station

Monday, October 1

- 7:00 p.m. Discover BMPC Class, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

Tuesday, October 2

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Searching for Sunday Book Study, Fullerton Room
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
5:00 p.m. Eugene C. Bay Fund Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
Deacons' Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 3

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m. Prenatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Basic Judaism* Book Discussion, Witherspoon Parlor
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, October 4

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 5

- 12:30 p.m. Postnatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, October 6

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Dementia Symposium, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
- Discover BMPC Class, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

Sunday, October 7 - World Communion Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Choirs, Sanctuary**
 - The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
 - Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn



Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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