



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 9, 2018
8:00 a.m., Chapel
23rd 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

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

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

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

Rally Day

11:00 a.m., Front Lawn

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

One: The highest in all creation lives among the least;

All: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

One: Come all who thirst

All: And drink the water of life.

One: Come all who hunger

All: And be filled with good things.

One: Come all who seek

All: And the doors to God's realm will be opened.

† HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy God, we confess that while we seek to follow your commandments
to live and love following the example of Christ,
we fall short and wander down our own wayward paths.

Yet you do not leave us alone; in Christ you come to us and invite us
to come back to you, seeking your grace.

As recipients of your tender mercy, we offer ourselves
to be bearers of your mercy to a hurting world.

Equip us to show forth your reconciling love in Christ,
to work faithfully for your new creation, and to live the good news of the gospel.

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 Doug McCone

FIRST LESSON Matthew 7:7-13 (p. 7 in pew Bible) Doug McCone

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 16:5-11 (p. 178 in pew Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Front Door Agnes W. Norfleet
First in The Art and Architecture of Faith Series

† HYMN 175 Seek Ye First LAFFERTY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

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

Elmarie Parker
Mission Co-Worker in Syria and Lebanon

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 321

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

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and with thanksgiving for
all those who share their time and talents,
teaching and nurturing the children and youth of BMPC.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Doug McCone

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

BMPC Sanctuary Doors, Summer 2018

Announcements

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2018-19 via the nominating forms found in the Sanctuary or 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.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” class on 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. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS MINISTRY (FORMERLY SECRET SAINTS). This long-standing BMPC program is entering a new phase of its life. Adult members and families of BMPC are encouraged to serve as Saints for one of our many college students who are away from home. Saints remind students that their church cares for them by sending packages, cards and most importantly, by holding them in prayer throughout the year. To participate: CollegeConnections@bmpc.org.

ART EXHIBIT: PAPER CUTTING ART BY JESSI BROWN. On view through Sun., Oct. 14. All works are for sale. Gladwyne artist Jessi Brown demonstrates her cutting techniques and talks about this ancient Chinese medium and her art in the Conference Room on Sun., Sept. 23 at 11:15 a.m.

Today

RALLY DAY. Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center). Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Our celebration includes picnic food, entertainment, fall program information from our ministry areas, and fellowship for all ages.

BMPC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. During the Rally Day picnic, come to the Education Building to learn more about our goals and vision for the future. We will be screening a brief campaign video and sharing conceptual drawings of what reimagined church spaces will look like. For information about being a volunteer or supporting the campaign, contact campaign director Derrick Smith, ThisTimeThisPlace@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Open auditions for the Sanctuary Choir to be held in the choir loft after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No appointment necessary.

This Week

Y-GROUP BACK-TO-SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP. Tues., Sept. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Join us as we return to school routines, write notes of thanks, pray for children and teachers in the new school year. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

REMEMBRANCE LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Gather for light refreshments and a brief introduction to the labyrinth from 10:00-10:30 a.m. before walking to honor and reflect on Sept. 11 memories. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Sept. 11, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discuss “Turkey: a Partner in Crisis.” Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump Administration. Marilyn Irwin, 484-380-3685.

MEN’S STUDY GROUP BEGINS. Wed., Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor and Library. We will continue our study of *Soul Survivor*. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads a discussion on Chapter 11, Frederick Buechner. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

BASIC JUDAISM BOOK DISCUSSION. Begins Wed., Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads an ongoing discussion of *Basic Judaism* by Milton Steinberg. The book identifies seven strands that weave together to make up Judaism: God, morality, rite and custom, law, sacred literature, institutions, and the people. A classic work directed to both the Jewish and the non-Jewish reader. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays beginning on Sept. 16, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Join us in reading and discussing the Dalai Lama’s and Bishop Desmond Tutu’s book, *The Book of Joy*. In these trying times, reading the text and doing the practices help us become more focused and peaceful. Books are \$15 and may be purchased in class. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray facilitates this class. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays beginning Sept. 16, 8:45 a.m., Children’s Library, Ed. Bldg. This weekly gathering of women provides an opportunity to build community and be in conversation about life, faith and current events. This fall the group shares TED Talks. Each week a different member brings a TED Talk that has shaped the way she thinks about the world. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick facilitates this class. PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.

REFLECTIVE BIBLE STUDY. Sundays beginning Sept. 16, 9:25-9:50 a.m., Middleton Center. Lectio divina is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures. We set aside time before Sunday communal worship to explore how the reading for that day intertwines with our concerns, relationships, hopes, and aspirations. We listen for God’s presence in the events of our lives and contemplate how we might carry what we hear during this prayer into our lives. Paul Burgmayer leads this class. info@middletoncenter.org.

YOUTH & PARENT KICKOFF MEETING. Sun., Sept. 16, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Kick off the program year for grades 6 - 12 with an update on upcoming activities, summer 2019 trips and an introduction to the worship, service and fellowship opportunities planned for youth this year. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

CARING CORNER. Parish Nurse Carol and Social Worker Renee will be available before and after 10:00 a.m. worship next week.

ASSOCIATION FOR A MORE JUST SOCIETY PRESENTATION. Sun., Sept. 16, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. We hear a talk by Jill Stoltzfus, executive director of Association for a More Just Society. AJS, a 2018 Richard Shaull Award for Mission recipient, supports efforts in Honduras that promote the interests of the poor in legislative projects, defend the rights of the most vulnerable in judicial processes, increase the awareness and democratic participation of churches to practice the biblical teachings on justice, and publish journalistic investigations on issues that affect the poor of Honduras.

Upcoming

TUTORING SIGN-UPS. Tues., Sept. 18, 6:15 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lobby; tutoring sign-ups. Adult training (required), 6:45 p.m., Ed. Bldg., second floor. Adult leaders and tutors needed.

DOING GOOD TOGETHER. Wed., Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Spend a day off from school in service! Students will work with a number of BMPC mission partners to help feed the hungry, comfort the sick, and care for creation. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION. Sun., Sept. 23, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Families are invited to join us for a third grade Bible Breakfast from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in Congregational Hall. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, third graders receive their new Bibles. Email MaryRichards@bmpc.org with the full name of your child (as it should be printed on the bookplate), and to register with the number of attendees for the breakfast.

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our exploration of “Models of Faith of Ordinary People of the Bible.” MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM. Sat., Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Congregational Hall. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. This symposium is for caregivers and anyone living with or concerned about deep memory loss. To register, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org or call 610-525-0766.

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.

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*.

Caring & Sharing

WORKDAY AT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRIES. Tues., Sept. 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet at WKM to replace windows on the second floor of the Manse. If you are able to attend, contact David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com, 267-767-0071.

WePAC SERVICE DAY. Sat., Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m., Harrington Elementary School, 5300 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia. Sort and shelve books in the school library. Elementary-age children welcome. Sign up online for a two-hour shift (9:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) or both shifts at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

HUB OF HOPE. Sun., Sept. 30, 3:00-6:30 p.m., Corridor of Suburban Station, Philadelphia. Twelve spots are reserved for BMPC volunteers (registration required) to serve dinner to the homeless at this ministry supported by Project HOME and Broad Street Ministry. Sign up online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

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 9

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 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
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day Celebration, Front Lawn
- 11:10 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Open Auditions, Sanctuary Choir Loft

Monday, September 10

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
Nominating Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

Tuesday, September 11

- 10:00 a.m. Remembrance Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, September 12

- 10:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinners Begin, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. "Basic Judaism" Book Discussion, Witherspoon Parlor
Child & Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Student Serve, Loft
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, September 13

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 2:00 p.m. SmokeFree, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 14

No activities scheduled.

Saturday, September 15

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center

Sunday, September 16

- 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 & Mission

Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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