

Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 17, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Lord, open unto me,
Open unto me — light for my darkness.
Open unto me — courage for my fear.
Open unto me — hope for my despair.
Open unto me — peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me — joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me — strength for my weakness.
Open unto me — wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me — forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me — love for my hates.
Open unto me — thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

~ Howard Thurman

HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:6-12
Luke 4:16-21

SERMON

Rebecca Kirkpatrick &
Carolyn C. Cavaness, Pastor, Bethel AME Church of Ardmore

ANTHEM

Behold the Tabernacle of God
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us, and the spirit of God dwelleth within you, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

CALL TO OFFERING

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PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

HYMN 372

O for a World

AZMON

BENEDICTION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Michelle Leclerc

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”
Jane Shaw ~ January 1, 2021

Announcements

COVID-19 RESOURCES. The Caring Ministries team has compiled various resources to help you continue navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources include vaccination and testing information by county, crisis and peer-support lines, support group information, and ways to receive food, financial, legal and healthcare assistance. All this information can be found on a new [COVID-19 Resource page](#) under the Caring Ministries section of the BMPC website.

This Sunday

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom conference call. *What Do We Do with Evil: The World, The Flesh and the Devil* by Richard Rohr. In this small, masterfully crafted book, Richard Rohr writes that “evil is subtle and the evils that are killing us all are usually well-disguised.” Rohr invites us to encounter evil with a contemplative, non-dual mind and to reflect on how we too are complicit in the social evils pervading our lives. He presents no easy solutions but leaves readers with principles and a process for resisting evil with patience and love. Books can be purchased directly from Paul MacMurray. Contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#) with any questions or to connect with Paul.

WELCOME TO THE REV. CAROLYN C. CAVANESS. This Sunday we are honored to welcome the Rev. Carolyn C. Cavaness, pastor of Bethel AME Church of Ardmore, as part of our worship leadership. Rev. Cavaness has served at Bethel for seven years and is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York. Bethel AME and Rev. Cavaness have been essential partners with BMPC for several years as we have worked together to address food insecurity and educational equity locally.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. Our prayers this Sunday are offered up by members of our congregation as we call upon God to embolden and inspire each of us in the work of anti-racism. Thank you to all who participated: Amy and Brian Ballard, Dottie and Frank Bowen, Anne Chamberlin, Heewon Chang, Gene, Susan, Kathryn, Christopher and Patrick Chang, Anna May and Peter Charrington, Valerie Craig, Leigh DeVries, Elisha Gillette, Peggy and Ron Gregg, Joanne Hanna, David Heaton, Jackson Jones, Kathy Krieder, Sandie Nicholson, Trip and Deedie O'Donnell, Sheryl Parente, Rachel Pedersen, Frank Pottorff, Jean, Sarah and Maggie Reynolds, Shelia Rohr, Nancy Taylor, Flo and Steve Zeller.

INTERFAITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WORSHIP SERVICE. Sun., Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Join seven local interfaith congregations for an online community worship featuring combined choirs, reflections from local faith leaders and a keynote by the Rev. Dr. Harold Dean Trulear of Howard University. Zoom Meeting ID: 2581119868 Password: 966785. A recording of the service also will be streamed to the BMPC Facebook page that morning, and a recording will be available there later that day if you are not able to participate live.

This Week

OUTDOOR LABYRINTH WALK. Mon., Jan. 18, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Education Building Front Lawn (weather permitting). An invitation to walk for hope, peace and light. The labyrinth will be candlelit from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Masks and physical distancing are required. Please check this [webpage](#) for notifications of cancelations due to inclement weather.

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP READS ALWAYS A GUEST BY BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR. Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Via Zoom conference call. You are invited to read and explore Barbara Brown Taylor's new collection of stories and sermons of faith, grace, and hope in *Always A Guest: Speaking of Faith Far From Home*. In the book, Taylor finds that when you are the invited guest speaking of faith to people you don't know, you must seek common ground: exploring the central human experience. This group, facilitated by the Rev. Brian K. Ballard, will explore faith in all its beauty and complexity. For information about joining the class, including the Zoom link, contact [Brian Ballard](#).

THE ETHICS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION. Fri., Jan. 22 at 10:00 a.m. Via Zoom conference call. Hosted by the Senior Adult Council. All are invited to this presentation by BMPC member Dr. Richard Allman, MD, rheumatologist and medical ethicist at Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Rich serves on the PA Department of Health Ethical Allocations Committee and will address the ethics of allocation of scarce resources in a pandemic. He will discuss how our faith relates to allocation of critical care beds, scarce medications, ventilators, and what we owe to those who are unable to receive scarce resources, particularly access to vaccines. There also will be time for discussion and feedback. Contact [Monica Devane](#) to receive the Zoom link for this timely event.

Next Sunday

RACISM: POWER, PRIVILEGE, POISON AND PROMISING POSSIBILITIES. Sun., Jan. 24, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., and Sundays, Jan. 31 – Feb. 14, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. This workshop, led by Anita Friday, anti-racism educator and activist, will explore America's relationship with racism by examining its history, laws and institutional practices. Participants will be invited to explore their personal experiences with questions of ethnicity and race. In addition, during the workshop, participants learn about institutional practices that have shaped how various citizens are able to participate in the nation, how racism has affected Black people and how to define and distinguish white supremacy and white privilege, i.e. ethnically-based inequalities. Finally, tools for dismantling racism and methods for creating a more promising future will be shared. Cost: \$50. For more details, visit the [workshop page](#) on the BMPC website. [Register for the workshop here](#).

Upcoming

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 25, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood and assist with scheduling appointments. Register to donate blood [online](#). Contact the Rev. Brian Ballard, 610-520-8820 or BrianBallard@bmpc.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Sun., Jan. 31, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call. To join the call click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83914119865?pwd=WWc5Q0pUbzl6VXBIOGw2bkpBcUNCdz09> or call in: +1 646 558 8656 US Meeting ID: 839 1411 9865 Passcode: 067410. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers (Elders, Deacons and Trustees) and members of the 2021 Nominating Committee, and for approving 2021 Pastoral Terms of Call. MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

GREAT DECISIONS. First Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., starting Feb. 1. Via Zoom conference call. Led by Bob Martin. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD, and meeting to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Topics include: Global Supply Chains and National Security, Persian Gulf Security Issues, Brexit and the European Union, Struggles Over the Melting Arctic, China's Role in Africa, The Korean Peninsula, Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic, and The End of Globalization? This program is free, but registration is required. Contact [Monica Devane](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmpc.org) to register and receive your Briefing Book and the Zoom link.

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon beginning Feb. 2. The first concert will feature Ron Kerber, saxophone, and Edward Landin Senn, organ. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

DIGGING DEEPER BEGINS AGAIN IN FEBRUARY. Sundays, 9:00 a.m., starting Feb. 7, Via Zoom Conference Call. *When in Romans: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel according to Paul* by Beverly Roberts Gaventa. When reading the book of Romans, we often focus on the quotable passages, making brief stopovers and not staying long enough to grasp some of the big ideas it contains. Instead of raiding Paul's most famous letter for a passage here or a theme there, leading New Testament scholar Beverly Roberts Gaventa invites us to linger in Romans. She asks that we stay with the letter long enough to see how Romans reframes our tidy categories and dramatically enlarges our sense of the gospel. This group is facilitated by the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff; for information about joining the class, including the Zoom link, contact [Frank](#).

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: DRIVE THRU DROP-OFF. Sun., Feb. 7, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. We are collecting non-perishable items and financial donations again this year in support of the national Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. Donations should be brought to the main entrance of the Chapel where children, youth and members of our Hunger Committee will be receiving items. Suggested donations: spaghetti sauce, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, mac & cheese, instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars. Contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#) with questions.