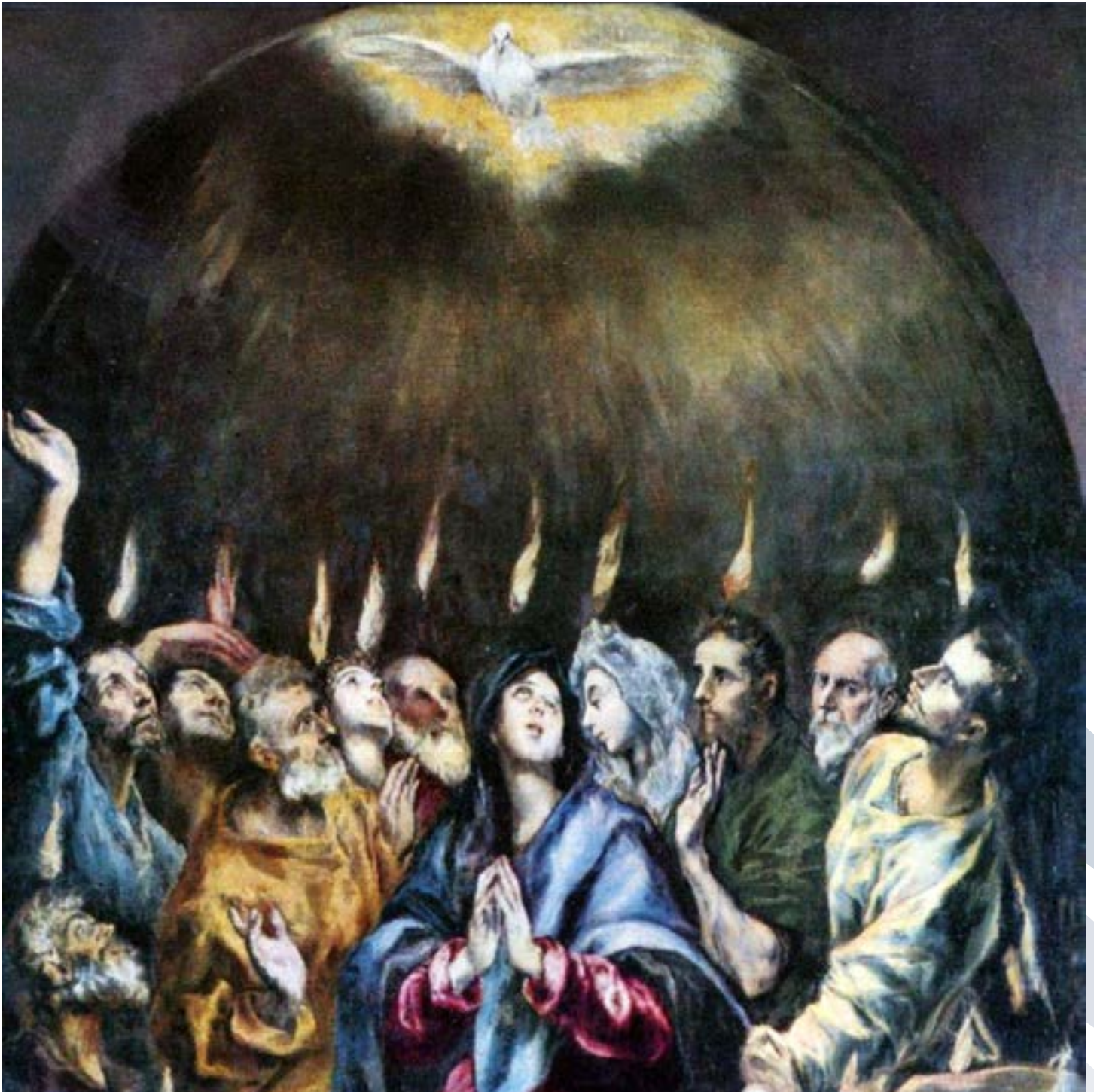


Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24, 2026

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

Daniel Carroll, organist

WELCOME

Andy Greenhow

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104:24, 30, 33

One O LORD, how manifold are your works!

All In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

One When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

All and you renew the face of the ground.

One I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

All I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

HYMN 282 Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com-fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

Glo-ry be to God: cre - a - tor Christ and
Ho ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gi - nning is now and ev - er shall be.
World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andy Greenhow

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 return to their families.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

All We do.

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andy Greenhow

FIRST LESSON Genesis 11:1-9

(pg. 9 in pew Bible)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us

make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name

for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their

language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

ANTHEM The Spirit of the Lord (Prologue from "The Apostles") Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth: So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. As the earth bringeth forth her bud. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel.

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-13

John Willingham

(pg. 119 in pew Bible)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living

in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,

and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were

amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Gift and Challenge of Language*

John Willingham

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rachel Pedersen

All God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

- Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Love

Gerald Near

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by thee, we covet most, of thy gifts at Pentecost, holy heavenly love. Love is kind, and suffers long, love is meek, and thinks no wrong, love than death itself more strong; therefore, give us love, holy, heavenly love. Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will ever with us stay; therefore, give us love. Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree, but the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

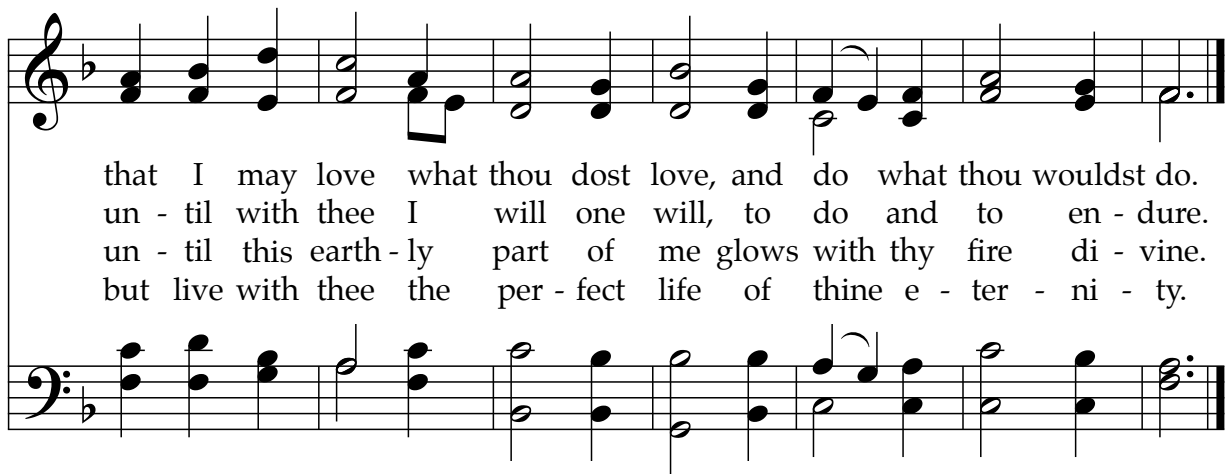
OLD HUNDRETH

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



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

John Willingham

POSTLUDE Improvisation

Daniel Carroll, organist

Worship Notes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's prayer of confession is taken from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts, v. 58.1

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Patrick Leigh Wiborg, son of Susanna & Craig Wiborg

SANCTUARY CHOIR CONDUCTOR

Susan Ricci Rogel

TODAY'S MUSIC

Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Church. Rushing wind, a cacophony of languages, and the appearance of the Holy Spirit; there are innumerable ways this feast is presented musically. Edward Elgar's monumental oratorio, "The Apostles," first performed in 1903, is a narrative work. It deals with the calling of the Apostles and their experiences of Jesus' preaching, miracles, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. The Prologue sets the tone for the work ahead, taking its text from the Book of Isaiah, and recounts the appearance of the Holy Spirit and our call to preach the Gospel. Gerald Near recently celebrated his 80th birthday, and his popular anthem, "Love," is ideal for Pentecost, with its evocative text and chant-like, lyrical writing; perhaps reminiscent of the Holy Spirit's movement within our lives.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Klaus Volpert

BULLETIN COVER

Greco, 1541?-1614. Descent of the Holy Spirit, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48043 Original source: commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:El_Greco_006.jpg

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season after Pentecost, when we are reminded that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, sustain, and renew the church. In these summer weeks, we gather to worship, reflect, and grow together in faith, trusting that God is at work in every season of our lives.

Whether you are a longtime member, returning after time away, or visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to follow Christ with faithfulness and joy. May our time together today deepen your sense of God's presence and strengthen our shared calling as Christ's disciples in the world.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Help Shape the Future Vision of BMPC. As BMPC prepares to call our next Senior Pastor, we invite all members of the congregation to complete the Mission Study Survey. Your feedback will help shape our future priorities and vision. The survey takes about 15 minutes, responses are anonymous, and participation from all members is encouraged. Please complete the survey at bit.ly/MissionStudySurvey by June 15, 2026. Thank you for your participation.

Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano. Sun., May 10 – Sun., Aug. 30, Gallery. This exhibition showcases the evocative watercolors of Domenic DiStefano (1924-2011), a painter and teacher for over 50 years, celebrated for his dynamic depictions of coastal and marine landscapes. His work captures the interplay of light and shadow on water, reflecting both his passion for watercolor and his deep connection to Rockport, Massachusetts. His vivid portrayals of New England's seascapes continue to inspire through their expressive use of color and form.

Nurturing New Life Support Group. Fridays, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Come as you are for this weekly meet-up for parents with infants. Each week will include time for fellowship and opportunities to hear from local experts on topics such as sleep, feeding, development, parental well-being, and navigating the early months of parenthood. The May 29 topic is Transitions, led by the Rev. Melanie Hardison. Sign

up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact: ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

Hersheypark Fun Day. Sun., May 31, 9:30 a.m. Rising 6th–12th graders register now! Roller coasters. Water rides. Chocolate. Bring your friends for a fun day out in the sweetest place on earth. It will be a blast. The cost is \$40, which includes admission to the park and one meal, with scholarships available. Register at bit.ly/Hersheypark2026 Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Crescendo for Justice: Breaking the Silence for Immigrant Rights. Mon., Jun. 1, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. All are welcome to this concert organized by HIAS, one of our partners in refugee settlement, featuring music performed by musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra, Philly Pops, and other renowned regional groups in honor of Immigrant Heritage Month.

Digging Deeper – Hearing the Message of Ecclesiastes. Sundays, Jun. 7- 28, 8:30 a.m., Gloucester Room. Explore Ecclesiastes with Christopher J. H. Wright's "Hearing the Message of Ecclesiastes." This class engages life's hardest questions—meaning, injustice, work, and time—through Qoheleth's searching voice. Together, we'll embrace faithful uncertainty, honest reflection, and a deeper trust in God's goodness amid life's unresolved tensions and enduring mysteries. This class will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder. Reserve a book and sign up for the class: bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup

Sundae Sunday. Sun., Jun. 7, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a special celebration marking the end of the school year and the start of summer Sunday School! Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and ice cream (including non-dairy options).

Senior Adult Spring Social. Sun., Jun. 7, 4:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House. The Senior Adult Council invites those 55 and older to join them for their annual spring social. Tickets are \$25 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and dessert. RSVP by May 25 at bit.ly/SeniorSpringSocial2026 Contact: AnnaliseKirk@bmipc.org

Window into American History. Sun., Jun. 14, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Explore BMPC's Nation Window as a work of sacred art shaped by history, theology, and American memory. This class, taught by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, will examine the window's symbols of liberty, justice, faith, and equality while reflecting on the evolving moral questions it continues to raise today.

CARING AND SHARING

Serve Dinner at the Ardmore Food Pantry. The Ardmore Food Pantry offers a community meal on Monday evenings during pantry hours. On the second Monday of each month, they serve BMPC Hunger Casseroles. Two to three volunteers from BMPC are needed on those Monday nights to serve dinner from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for one month or on a regular basis, sign up at bit.ly/AFPDinner Contact: JenniferMacArthur@bmipc.org

Volunteer Photographers Needed. Do you enjoy photography and have an eye for capturing meaningful moments? BMPC is looking for volunteer photographers to help take photos at church events throughout the year. Your images help us tell the story of our life together as a congregation through our publications, website, and social media. If you're interested in serving in this way, please contact LisaBuscaglia@bmipc.org

BMPC Meal Train. Join us in this caring ministry that provides meal support to congregants in times of need. This act of caring has been described as an actual lifeline for some of our recipients. If you are interested in periodically making (or purchasing) and delivering a meal, please contact BMPC Deacon Kara Udicious at udicious@comcast.net

BMPC Prayer Partners 2026-2027. Prayer Partners commit to praying for a small group of students throughout an academic year. Prayer Partners may also connect with students through post cards and special events. This ministry serves more than 500 children and youth. Would you like to continue being a Prayer Partner or start being a Prayer Partner? Please sign up so we can plan for our 2026-2027 prayer partner team: bit.ly/PrayerPartner2026 Contact: MaryRichards@bmipc.org

Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp. Mon., Jun. 22–Fri., Jun. 26, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., BMPC Campus. This summer, we will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. Register at bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2026 Contact: MaryRichards@bmipc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Families (Gr. K-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:00 a.m. Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano, Gallery

MONDAY, MAY 25

All Day Memorial Day, Campus Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206, Gymnasium
- 5:30 p.m. Taizé Youth and Parents Meeting, virtual
- 6:00 p.m. VBC Youth Training, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Support Group, Converse House Parlor

SATURDAY, MAY 30

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

11:00 a.m. **Bob Murphy Memorial Service, Chapel**

12:00 p.m. Reception for Bob Murphy, Congregational Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**

The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available throughout the year for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. For more information, contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com



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