



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

September 2, 2018
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
22nd 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

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Grades K -12

Worship in Sanctuary

NEW HERE? We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (inclement weather location: Ministries Center Court).

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Large print bulletins, back pillows and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Praise the Lord! God is good.

All: God's love never fails.

One: Praise the God of all Gods.

All: God's love never fails.

One: Praise the Lord of Lords.

All: God's love never fails.

One: Praise God in heaven!

All: God's love never fails.

† **HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Have mercy on us, O God.

We talk about love,

but our actions betray us.

We talk about love,

but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love,

but we fail to love one another.

Lord have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us

by the power of your spirit,

So that our lives may show

our love for Jesus Christ,

in whose body we live

and in whose name we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Children K - Grade 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 54:10-14 (*p. 685 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21 (*p. 241 in pew Bible*)

David B. Smith

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Love

David B. Smith

Summer Series on *Life in the Spirit*

† **HYMN** 209

My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Rachel Pedersen

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
 In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of people long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

~ 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

Sing Praises Unto the Lord
 Summer Choir

Henry Ruthven

Sing praises to the Lord O ye saints of God: and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness. For God's wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life. Heaviness may endure for a night: yet joy cometh in the morning.

*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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

† BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE

David B. Smith

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Anne M. and Bradford D. Smith

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Barry and Ted Wentz

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of the Summer Hospitality Team

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Life in the Spirit explores God's spiritual gifts for the church to further the work of God in the world. These spiritual gifts are listed in Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; and Romans 12:6-8.

BULLETIN COVER

Galatians 5:22-23 © 2012 Timothy R. Botts | Eyekons

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.

FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION. We have opportunities for all ages (kindergarten and up) to become involved in music at BMPC. For registration details, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

BOOK CENTER SALE. Anne Lamott books: *Grace (Eventually) Thoughts on Faith*, \$5; *Traveling Mercies – Some Thoughts on Faith*, \$5; *Operating Instructions – A Journal of My Son’s First Year*, \$6. The key to the Book Center is available at the Reception Desk; place payments in Carol Schmidt’s mail slot. The Book Center is available whenever the Ministries Center is open.

CONVERSE LIBRARY. Volunteers needed to assist in cataloging, shelving, and miscellaneous tasks. Set your own hours. Kat MacMurray, Librarian, katmac2@icloud.com.

Today

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Open auditions for the Sanctuary Choir to be held in the choir loft after the 10:00 a.m. worship service today and on Sept. 9. No appointment necessary. Sanctuary Choir rehearsals begin Thurs., Sept. 6. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

This Week

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Sept. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Dr. Drew Mann leads our study of *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherlun, Chapter 1. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION MEET & GREET. Wed., Sept. 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. This is a unique opportunity for students, parents and mentors to get to know one another before Confirmation preparation formally begins on Sun., Sept. 23. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE. Thurs., Sept. 6, 6:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Learn about opportunities to help a young African woman and her two daughters who live in Upper Darby. Light supper included. Judy Sherry, judysherry2@gmail.com.

BRYN MAWR DAY. Sat., Sept. 8, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., parking lot across from Ludington Library. Taste food from local restaurants, shop at the farmer's market, ride the fire trucks, visit the petting zoo, take a bus ride for a history tour, enjoy the music... and help us represent BMPC at our tent. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 9, 11:00 a.m., 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.

Upcoming

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*. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays beginning Sept. 16, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Join us in reading and discussing the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu's book, *The Book of Joy*. In these trying times, reading the text and doing the practices will 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 will bring 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. Attending "with the ear of our hearts," 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 that youth will enjoy this year. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

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.

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, care for the sick, and care for creation. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

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.

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

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 8, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Main Kitchen, Ministries Center. Join the Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles (1,300 meals) for Philadelphia area shelters. Great family activity (children over the age of 4). Register with Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

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.

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 2

7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Choir Loft
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades K - 12
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
11:10 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Open Auditions, Sanctuary Choir Loft

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day

Church Campus Closed: *For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

Tuesday, September 4

- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, September 5

- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meet & Greet, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, September 6

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 2:00 p.m. SmokeFree, Fullerton Room
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester 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 7

- 1:00 p.m. William Kim Foster Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, September 8

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Second Saturday Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room

Sunday, September 9

- 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.
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day, Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center)

Worship Staff

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