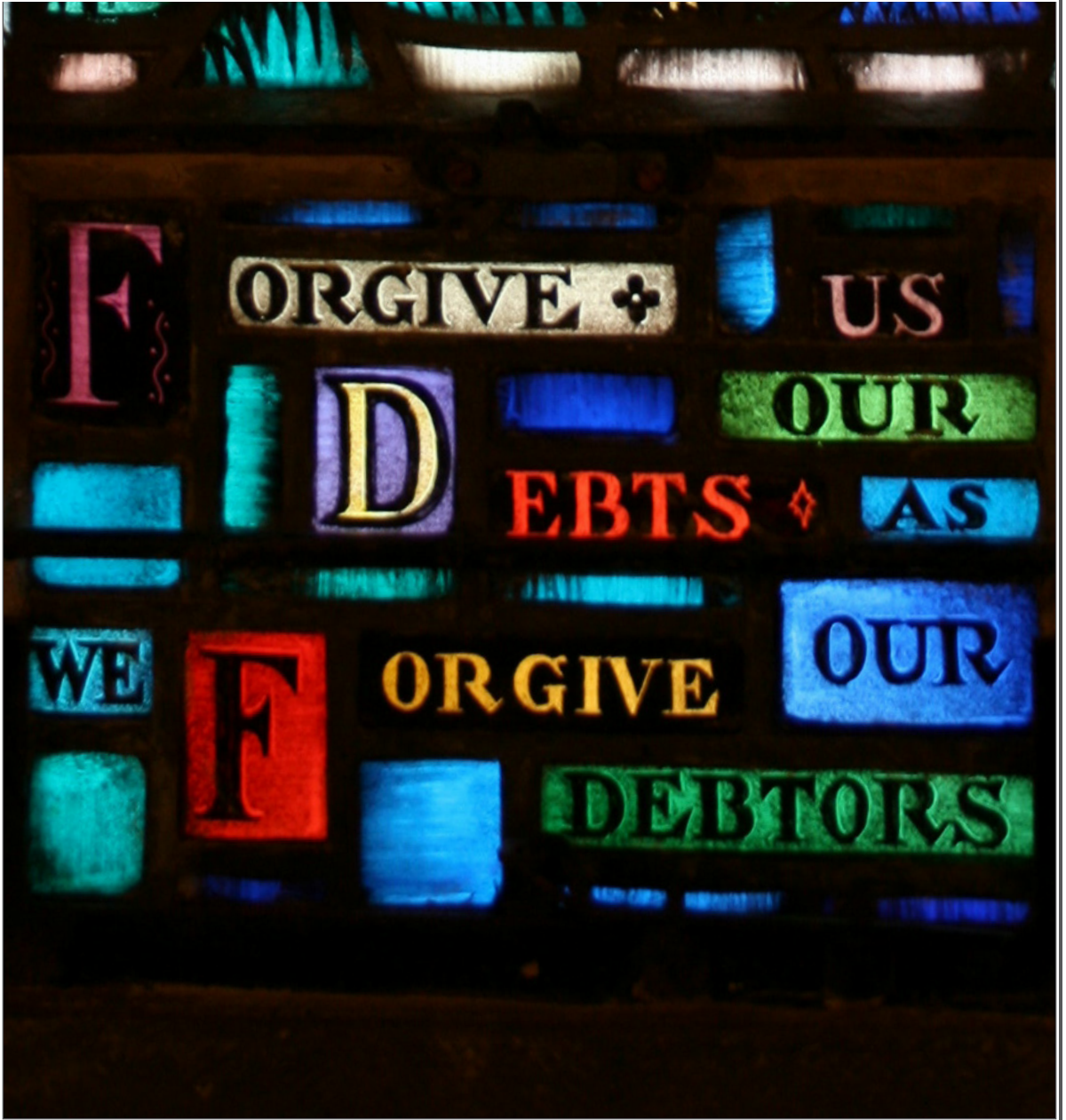


*Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, March 19, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fourth Sunday in Lent



# WELCOME

## 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 in the Atrium following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

## LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream). For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

## CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m.

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### Sunday School Classes

#### Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

#### Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

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### Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

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### The Bible's Influence on Worship & Prayer

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

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### “Chasing the Light” Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** Partita on "Vater unser im Himmelreich" Dieterich Buxtehude

**WELCOME** Rachel Pedersen

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

**All: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

One: Let us worship the God of grace who forgives our sins.

† **HYMN 444** Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive **DETROIT**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, we are people who long for your forgiveness.  
We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.  
We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.  
We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,  
but step back, protecting ourselves.  
Forgive us, we pray, that we may live more fruitful and faithful lives  
through Jesus Christ.

*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.*

**SUNG RESPONSE** Be still and know that I am God **PSALM 46**

*Sung twice.*

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

† Please stand, if able.

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

### SENDING HYMN    Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing

Go now children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and May God be gracious to you, May the presence of God be with you. May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

### FIRST LESSON    Genesis 50:15-21 (*pg. 48 in pew Bible*)

### ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer

John Tavener

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### SECOND LESSON    Luke 6:37-38 (*pg. 65 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Forgive Us Our Debts*  
*Lenten Series on the Lord's Prayer*

Agnes W. Norfleet

### † HYMN 649    Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Brian K. Ballard

Q. What does the fifth petition mean?

A. **"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" means:**

**Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us.**

**Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of Your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.**

~ *The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love. The  
fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Brian K. Ballard

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 is all our Joy

arr. Malcolm Archer

Anointed as God's chosen ones, beloved, pure, and holy, with patience, kindness, clothe yourselves, a mantle, meek and lowly. Love, love, is all our joy, binding us in harmony, with love we can ne'er destroy the peace of Christ within us. Compassion, mercy, charity, these gifts to us are given; Forgive all others, bear with them, as you have been forgiven.

*Refrain:*

Our words, our deeds, our gifts of love, to Jesus Christ we raise them, give thanks to God who reigns above, sing psalms and hymns to praise Him.

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

† **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 547**

Go, My Children with My Blessing

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† **BENEDICTION**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE**

Chant héroïque

Jean Langlais

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

M. Donald (Don) Wright ~ March 13, 2023

## Music Notes

Sir John Tavener was a popular British composer. He began as a child prodigy; in 1968, at age 24, he was described by The Guardian as “the musical discovery of the year,” while The Times said he was “among the very best creative talents of his generation.” A highly regarded composer of his generation, Tavener was knighted in 2000 for his services to music. In 1977, he joined the Russian Orthodox Church. Orthodox theology and Orthodox liturgical traditions became a major influence on his work. His setting of “The Lord’s Prayer” was commissioned by the Guildford Philharmonic for the choral group The Tallis Scholars, and they performed it for the first time on March 10, 2000 at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, United Kingdom.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk, Gymnasium

5:30 p.m. Family Service with Communion, Chapel and Livestream

6:00 p.m. Simple Supper, Congregational Hall. Freewill offering.

7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary and Livestream

### **Good Friday, April 7**

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Labyrinth Walk, Gymnasium

12:00 noon. Service led by BMPC Youth, Chapel

7:30 p.m. In observance of Good Friday, the Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers will present Anthony Mosakowski’s setting of the St. John Passion entitled “The Passion for Good Friday.”

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service, Front Lawn

9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Worship with Choir and Easter Brass in the Sanctuary and Livestream (9:30 a.m. only). The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

# WORSHIP NOTES

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
H. Palmer Woodcock and Joan Rieger Woodcock

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## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New members received by Session today  
and recognized during this morning's worship service:

Ged Deming  
Natalie and Nate Dennis  
Susanna and Craig Wiborg

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## PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

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## BULLETIN COVER

The Lord's Prayer Windows, BMPC Sanctuary  
Willet Stained Glass Studios 1965

## **Announcement**

**SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS.** Openings are available on Sundays, April 23 and 30, for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at [bmpcflowers@gmail.com](mailto:bmpcflowers@gmail.com)

## **Today**

**THE BIBLE'S INFLUENCE ON WORSHIP AND PRAYER.** 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. This class will explore some of the clear biblical connections in our worship such as the sacraments, along with the ways that we look to the Bible to help shape our worship values. The class will include a discussion about the ancient worship practices that are out of sync with our modern worship traditions. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this conversation.

**EASTER LILY DONATIONS DUE TODAY.** Contributions may be given in three categories for listing in the Easter Sunday bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and the Deacons’ Flower Ministry. You may fill out an online donation form, <https://bit.ly/FlowerFund2023>, or pick up a printed copy of the form in the Sanctuary or Ministries Center. The deadline for donations is today, Sun., March 19. Contact Sarah Miciek at 610-525-2821 or [SarahMiciek@bmpc.org](mailto:SarahMiciek@bmpc.org)

## **This Week**

**LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL SERIES.** Tuesdays through April 4, noon, Chapel. All are invited to gather weekly in the Chapel to enjoy brief recitals on the Chapel organ. On March 21, we invite you to listen to the artistry of our own Jeffrey Brillhart. For the recital schedule, visit <https://www.bmpc.org/concerts>. For information about the concert series, please contact [MFA@bmpc.org](mailto:MFA@bmpc.org)

**HOWARD THURMAN: ESSENTIAL WRITINGS.** Tuesdays through March 21, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon in an exploration of Howard Thurman’s book, *Essential Writings*. Howard Thurman, minister, philosopher and civil rights activist, has been called “one of the greatest spiritual resources of this nation.” This collection from his writings introduces us to the breadth and depth of his thinking. [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**QUIET PRAYER IN LENT.** Wed., March 22 and 29, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Amidst the busyness of the Lenten season, this is a time for contemplative guided prayer which will include Scripture readings, space for reflection, and a time of communal silence. Deacons will lead these sessions. [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

## **Next Sunday**

**MODERN PRAYER TRADITIONS.** Sun., March 26, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Traditions around Christian prayer and worship practices have evolved over two centuries: some traditions and texts have continued to be meaningful for believers of all traditions. This class will consider the origins of prayers like the Prayer of St. Francis, and prayer practices such as those created by Ignatius of Loyola, as well as modern prayers that have been meaningful for generations of Christians, like the Serenity Prayer. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this conversation. [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)



## **Upcoming**

### **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.**

Thurs., March 30, 8:45 a.m. departure. Join us for a trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. This is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. Bus departs back parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and returns to BMPC by early evening. [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org). Register online: [https://bit.ly/NMAAH\\_Trip](https://bit.ly/NMAAH_Trip)

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023.** Building the Kingdom! Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., for ages three years to fifth grade. Campers must be at least four years old by May 1, 2023 to register. The Three's program is closed due to maximum capacity. Cost is \$50 per camper: <https://bit.ly/BMPCVBC2023>  
[MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER.** Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This summer we will welcome over 100 children to take part in Vacation Bible Camp and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. You can volunteer to help with a specific station (like games), work with a small group, or help “behind the scenes.” Register here: <https://bit.ly/VBCVolunteerRegistration>  
[MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**CELEBRATING TEN YEARS.** On Palm Sunday, April 2, at 11:15 a.m. we will celebrate the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet's decade of service as our pastor. Join us in Congregational Hall for fellowship, refreshments, and an opportunity to share our gratitude.

**THE PASSION FOR GOOD FRIDAY.** Fri., April 7, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Please join the Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers to hear their a cappella performance of the St. John Passion, scored by local composer Anthony Mosakowski. It features the passion narrative sung in English with Old Testament scriptural echoes and prophetic references sung simultaneously. For more information, please contact [MFA@bmpc.org](mailto:MFA@bmpc.org)

## **Caring and Sharing**

**EARTHQUAKE RELIEF DONATIONS FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY.** Our partners at the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon are on the ground every day assisting communities recovering from the recent earthquake in the Middle East. Donations toward those efforts may be made directly to the church by putting “Earthquake Relief” on the memo line of your check. You also may give online using this link: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/disaster>

# Calendar

## Sunday, March 19

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Sunday School, Virtual New Member Breakfast, Congregational Hall
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101 <b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby Lenten Story Path Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
11:15	a.m.	The Bible's Influence on Worship and Prayer, Fullerton Room

## Monday, March 20

No Events Scheduled.

## Tuesday, March 21

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
12:00	p.m.	Lenten Organ Recital Series, Chapel
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Howard Thurman: <i>Essential Writings</i> Book Group, Virtual Stewardship Meeting, Gloucester Room

### Wednesday, March 22

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor & Library Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbell Ensemble, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Quiet Prayer for Lent, Witherspoon Parlor Student Serve, Gymnasium

### Thursday, March 23

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### Friday, March 24

No Events Scheduled.

### Saturday, March 25

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
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### Sunday, March 26

8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Brian K. Ballard**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

**Leigh DeVries**, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

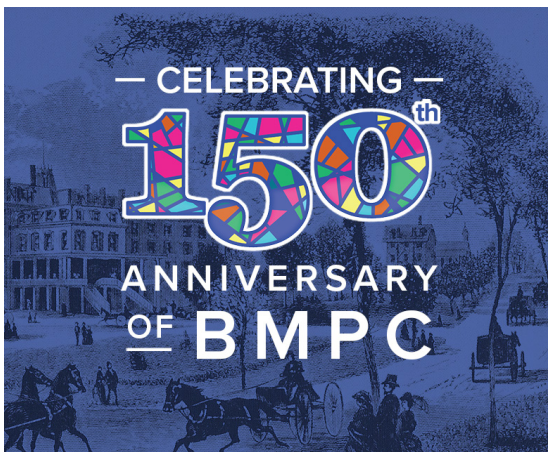
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