

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025 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 Partita on "Hyfrydol" Fantasy on "Slane"

Libby Larsen

WELCOME

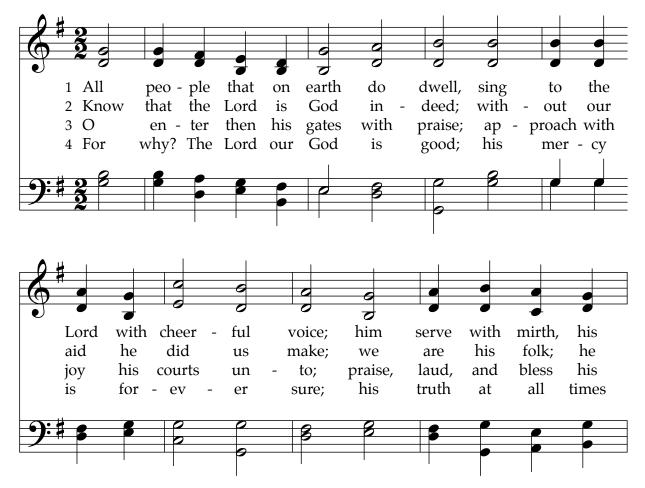
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CALL TO WORSHIP

All	Break forth into joyous songs of praise!
One	Let the world and its people sing together for joy.
All	God has done marvelous things!
One	Sing to our God a new song.

HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

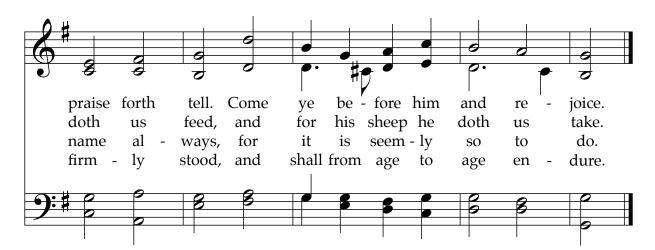
Verse 3 - Choir Only



OLD HUNDREDTH

Edward Landin Senn

Rachel Pedersen



CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

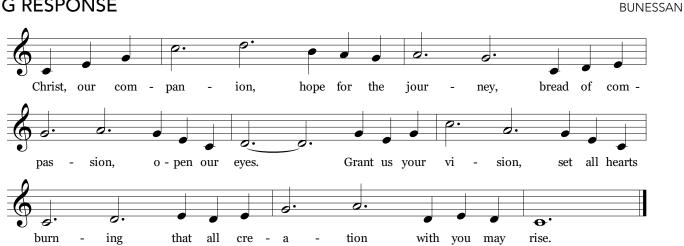
Holy God, creator of all that make music and all creatures who sing, All we confess that sometimes we let our praises be silenced by the fears, anxieties and worries of our lives. Forgive our preoccupations with worldly concerns that diminish our trust and stifle our joy in you. Restore us to our highest calling of glorifying you and enjoying life in the light of the resurrection.

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



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Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND

FIFTH GRADE STEP-UP & RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing



LOVING GOD IN THE GATHERED COMMUNITY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 95:1-7

(pg. 550 in pew Bible)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please remain seated.

HYMN 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



HYMN 404 What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

Verse 1 – Soloists Only



HYMN 311 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather



WELCOMING GOD IN FRIEND AND STRANGER

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

(pg. 115 in pew Bible)

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive Agnes W. Norfleet

each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing

One The Word of the Lord.

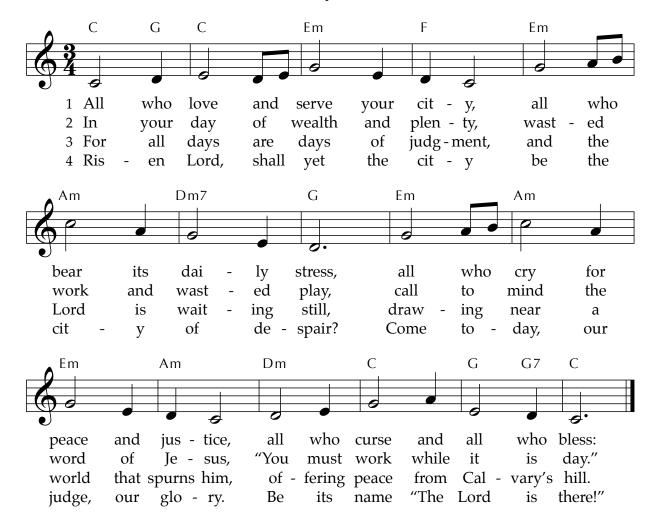
All Thanks be to God.

psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.





HYMN 351 All Who Love and Serve Your City



ANTHEM For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy! For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy! For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free! And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight of young born, the right to be free! And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight of young born, the right to be free! And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

PARTNERING WITH GOD AND NEIGHBOR IN SERVICE

MEDITATION With Gratitude We Sing

Agnes W. Norfleet

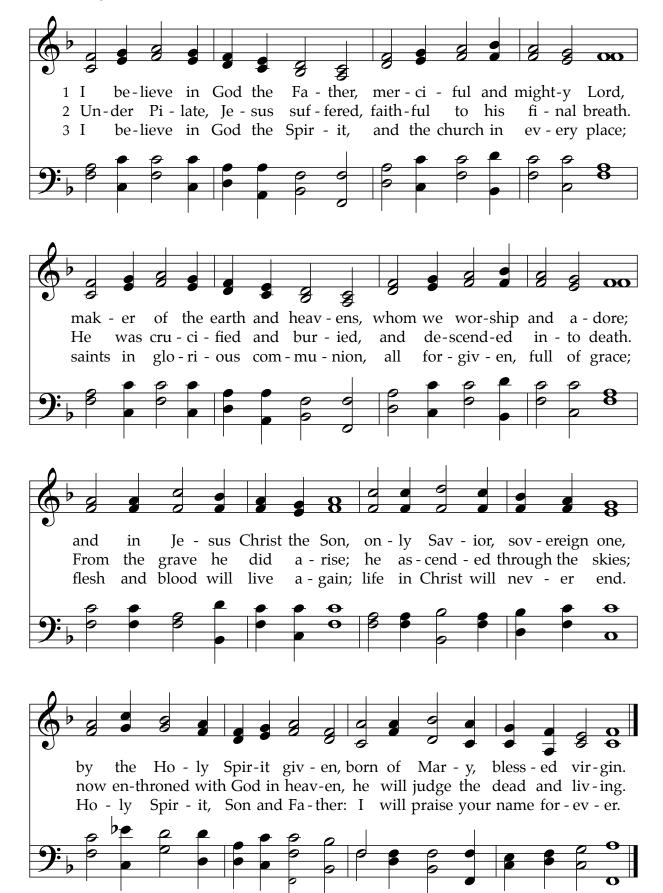
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Response to the Word

HYMN 481 | Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

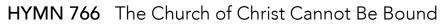
Verse 2 - Choir Only



HYMN 767 Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO



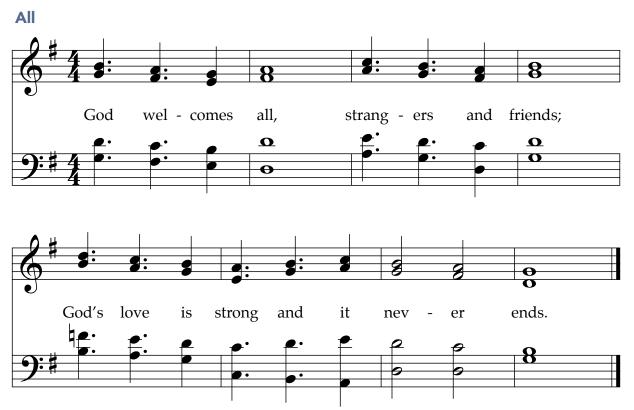




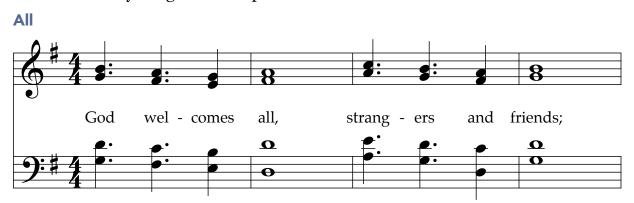
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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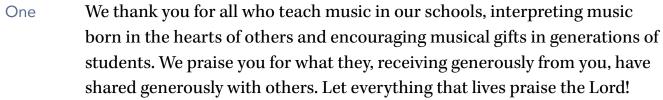
O God our Father, we thank you for music and its wondrous power to touch and heal and strengthen. As music adorns the sweet sound of the gospel, the closed doors of the human spirit are unlocked and our hearts are moved to respond to you in worship. We praise you for this most precious gift. Let everything that lives praise the Lord!

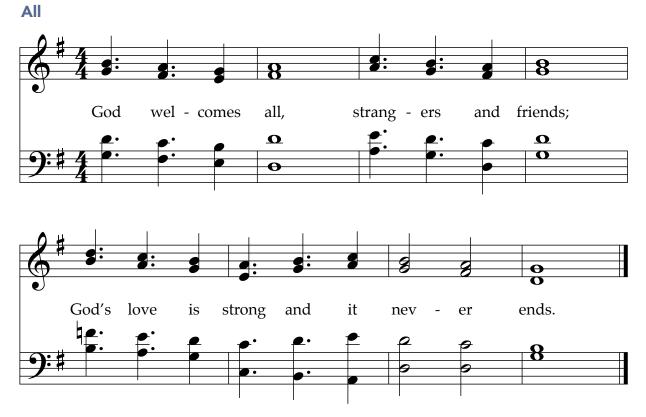


One We thank you for all those who, entrusted with this gift, have composed musical tunes and set forth verses in writing; living among us in their works, they have wonderfully enriched our lives and exalted you in the lit-urgy of your Church. We praise you for all faithful singers of your song. Let everything that lives praise the Lord!

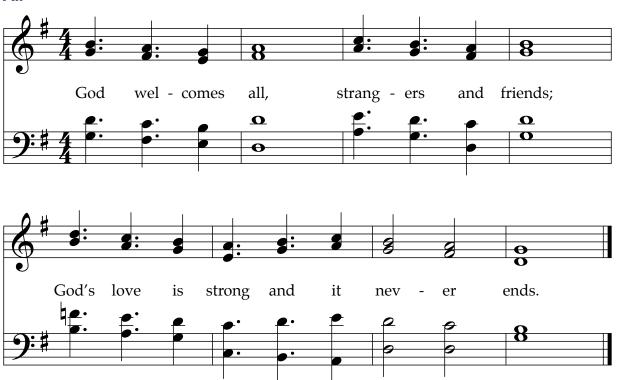




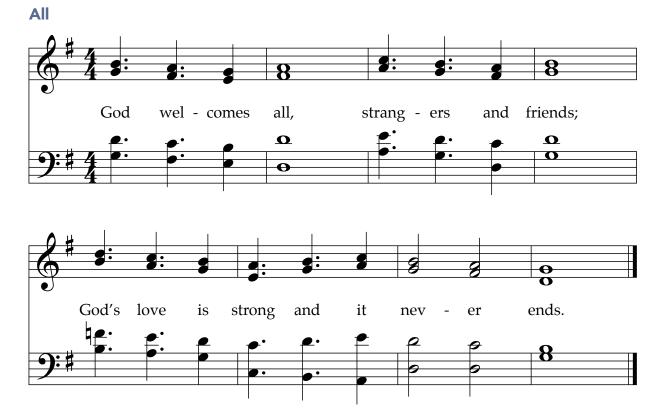




One We thank you for the ministers of the gospel who lead us in worship. We pray that they may bring fire and vision to a common task. Enable them through their planning and presiding at worship to bring the light of your truth to your people and the grace of the sacraments to their strengthening. Let everything that lives praise the Lord!



One And lastly we thank you for all who day by day enable us to sing your song in many ways and many places, accompanying it on various instruments, leading it with the beauty of the solo voice, and enriching it with new forms of music, patient scholarship, and gifted teaching. We praise you for their ministry and gratefully ask your blessing on them this day. Let everything that lives praise the Lord!



All

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Make Our Church One Joyful Choir Jonathan Crutchfield Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost. Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss and our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross. Shape us, Christ, to bear your name. Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire, so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Amen!

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 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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

HYMN 548 May God Support You All Your Days

DICKINSON COLLEGE



BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Final" from Symphonie I

Agnes W. Norfleet

Louis Vierne

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in this joyful season of Eastertide! As we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that hope, renewal, and new life are at the heart of our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we're glad you're here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to live as resurrection people—grounded in love, growing in faith, and reaching out to the world. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another as we rejoice in the promise of Easter.

Agnes

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet 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 in the Atrium following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at <u>bmpc.org</u>.

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, <u>RachelPedersen@bmpc.</u> org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, <u>childcare@bmpc.org</u> with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at <u>www.bmpc.org/lives-</u> <u>tream</u> or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship 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.

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary is 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 upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

Worship & Music Notes

5TH GRADERS RECEIVING HYMNALS

Carter Matthew Abrams, Michael James Bollinger, Jackson Robert England, Ryder Thomas Noone, Finley Jacqueline Pollock, Patrick William Quigley, Grayson William Stoltz, Robert Carter Stoy, Abigail Anna Thorkelson, Emily Susan Tyre, August Carl Vengels, and Jake Williams

12TH GRADERS RECOGNIZED AND BEING PRAYERD FOR

Andrew Bachman, Nina Bertrand, Andrew Beyer, David Blusiewicz, Jasper Conway, Maeve Daley-Gibson, Corinne Davis, Addison DelOrefice, Chet Ebert, Eli Engelman, Theodore Engelman, Zach Friedant, Kellen Gardner, Samantha Gasink, Georgia Gatta, Audrey Gelinas, Charles Gord, Maya Greger, Sophia Hall, Read Kitchel, Henry Koban Payne, Ashley Kuntz, Brody Ladda, Kylie Liggett, Charles Linz, Campbell Mc-Cormack, Maddie Meiler, Jane Newlin, Helen Potts, Marlowe Ritchie, Sophie Schrad, Emma Scutt, Liam Sheward, Andrew Simpson, Jordan Smith, Rafa Snyder, Georgia Jane Whamond, and Alexander Williams

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Richards Cosgrave.

GUEST MUSICIANS

Brandon Dooley, flute; Steve Heitzer, trumpet

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

BULLETIN COVER

Easter Flowers. Photograph by Dave Tavani.

Announcements

TODAY

Hymn Festival. Sun., May 4, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Join the BMPC Sanctuary Choir for a special Hymn Festival during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, celebrating the core principles from BMPC's 150th Anniversary Vision Report: Loving God in the Gathered Community, Welcoming God in Friend and Stranger, and Partnering with God and Neighbor in Service. Through music and hymns, we will reflect on these guiding values as we continue our mission together.

Confirmation Expo. Sun., May 4, 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. The 2024-2025 Confirmation class will be set up in the gym after the 10:00 a.m. worship service to share about their discipleship projects. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to stop by the gym to hear about their journey and see their hard work. **Y Group Reunion Brunch.** Sun., May 4, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Whether you attended Y Group recently or long ago, or thought of participating but never got there, please join us for a reunion! Quiche will be provided, but bring a dish to share if you're able. It's a great opportunity to connect with women of all generations.

Our Fragile Moment: Lunch and Learn.

Sun., May 4, 11:30 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor. Join members of the Environmental Justice Committee for a discussion of *Our Fragile Moment*, the book by Community Forum speaker Michael Mann. Purchase a copy of the book from the church for \$10 at <u>bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup</u> and join fellow church members on May 4 to discuss the political barriers to addressing climate change. A light lunch will be provided.

Piano Recital & Gallery Opening. Sun., May 4, 2:00 p.m., Gallery. In her new exhibition *COLOR! Where Music & Art Meet*, Barbara Lister-Sink combines her love of art and music in a piano performance that corresponds with an exhibition of her works. This exhibit and recital are a celebration of color—in the glorious rich, velvety, pastel, shimmering, or iridescent colors of both the piano and the paintings.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caring Corner. Sun., May 18, 11:00 a.m., Atrium. Please join the caring ministries team as we celebrate Carol Cherry's retirement as Parish Nurse and thank her for her work with the BMPC congregation.

All About Orchids with Frank Bowen.

Thurs., May 22, 10:00 a.m., Fullerton Room. Learn how to grow them, be kind to them, create a good environment for them, and, hopefully, keep them blooming! BMPC member Frank Bowen will share his expertise and years of experience cultivating his own orchids as well as his work at the Longwood Gardens Orchid House. Feel free to bring a favorite or troubled specimen for a consultation. Registration is recommended but not required. Contact: Pam Haynes Walsh, <u>haynes-</u> <u>walsh@comcast.net</u>

UPCOMING

Outdoor Labyrinth Walk. Tues., May 6, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Education Lawn. You are invited to walk the rope labyrinth outside for the final monthly walk of the program year. Contact, <u>KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org</u>

James A. Michener & Mercer Museums Visit. Thurs., May 8, 9:15 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Join us for a day trip to Doylestown to explore two remarkable museums - The James A. Michener Museum and the Mercer Museum. Tickets: \$18/seniors, \$20/adults (Michener); \$17/seniors, \$20/adults (Mercer). Meet at BMPC's back sanctuary parking lot at 9:15 a.m. for bus transportation. Bring a brown bag lunch for a picnic between visits. To reserve a spot, contact Pam Haynes Walsh at <u>haynes-walsh@</u> <u>comcast.net</u>

Spiritual Practice Listening Circle. Tues., May 13, 2:00–3:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Come take part in a thoughtful conversation about how spiritual practices and formation can be nurtured at BMPC. We'll reflect on what's been meaningful, share ideas for future offerings, and explore how we can grow together in faith. All are welcome to join the circle. If you're interested but unable to attend, please reach out to <u>KikiMcKendrick@</u> <u>bmpc.org</u>

Handbell Ensemble Interest Meeting.

Thurs., May 15, 6:00 p.m., Fine Arts Kitchen. Calling all ringers! The BMPC Handbell Choir is making a joyful comeback, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Whether you're an experienced ringer or simply curious, come hear the vision, learn about rehearsal plans, and discover how you can join us in making beautiful music together. No handbell experience is necessary, just a willing spirit! (Music reading is a plus.) RSVP to <u>ToriFisher@bmpc.org</u>

Hersheypark Youth Trip. Sun., June 1, 9:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Current 5th-12th Graders are invited to our Annual Hersheypark Trip! Registration Cost: \$40 (includes admission to the park and one meal.) Scholarships are available. Register at <u>bit.ly/Hersheypark2025</u> Registration deadline is Fri., May 23, but limited spots will fill up fast.

CARING AND SHARING

Texting Scam Alert. A texting scam has resurfaced and is currently targeting members of the BMPC community. Posing as Pastor Agnes Norfleet, the scammer asks for financial help, typically in the form of purchasing gift cards. Please be assured that no member of the BMPC staff will ever contact you with an urgent financial request, and they will never ask you to buy gift cards. If you receive such a message: Do not respond. Block the sender's number. When in doubt, always check with us before replying to any suspicious communication. Contact the church office directly if you have any questions or concerns. **Casserole Blitz.** Sat., May 10, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family-friendly activity (children over age 5) working with fellow BMPC folks to support a good cause while preparing casseroles for area shelters. Last casserole blitz of the program year is June 14. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <u>bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP</u>. The Hunger Committee is also in need of volunteers who are available to deliver casseroles to our partners on a regular basis. Please contact Nancy Taylor at <u>ntaylor2948@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in May and June 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. Contact <u>SusanThorkelson@mac.com</u>

Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Room 102, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. 5th Grade Hymnal Breakfast, Congregational Hall
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering Grades 6-12, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Hymn Festival with Sanctuary Choir and 5th Grade Hymnal Presentation, Sanctuary and Livestreamed
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Expo, Gymnasium
- 11:15 a.m. Y-Group Alumni Brunch, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 11:30 a.m. Our Fragile Moment Lunch and Learn, Witherspoon Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Barbara Lister-Sink Gallery Opening Piano Recital, Gallery
- 3:00 p.m. Amy Ferguson Memorial Service, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, virtual

MONDAY, MAY 5

- 10:00 a.m. Great Decisions, virtual
- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Partner First Monday Prayer, Cannon Room
- 1:00 p.m. Congregational Life Council Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Front Lawn
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Adult Museum Trip, off campus
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

FRIDAY, MAY 9

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Carr/Boylan Wedding, Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed** The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Giving

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