# Glen News



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#### **Good Friday-March 29**

7:00 pm - Good Friday
Service - Jeff Wright will
bring the message "God Laid
on Jesus Our Iniquity",
based on Isaiah 53:1-6. We
will also take part in
communion and
footwashing.

#### **Easter Sunday-March 31**

6:30 am - Sunrise Service in the pavilion

9:30 am - Worship Service - Jeff Wright will bring the message "Christ Among Us, The Resurrection Way", based on John 20:1-18, and we will receive new members. No Sunday School will be held.

#### Past week - March 24

Worship Attendance:

Worship 184
Online 44

Offering:

 Regular
 6,715.00

 Electronic
 2,650.00

 Foundation
 4,000.00

 Other
 837.50

 Total:
 14,202.50

Melodious Accord (Lenten song service) offering: \$1,560.00

To watch the worship service online, please visit www.bgmc.net.



Dear Church,

Walking 250 steps to and from work daily means to see subtle changes more clearly. The bare branches of the trees around the church parking lot have unmistakably begun to bud anew. Blooming Glen Bob, the groundhog living under the farmhouse porch steps (and under the shed, and in the Barn), is out sunning

... Easter calls us to a return to white-hot intensity of purpose. The resurrection matters. It defines us. It shapes purpose. It revives us to dance with joy in the presence of the Holy Spirit and sob over the condition

himself almost daily. New life is all around

of our neighborhoods.

.... Easter is no time for indifference, church. Easter is when we put on new garments of praise and start afresh to work in confidence that Christ, who has died, has also risen, and will come again to fulfill God's restoration of a new creation. READ THE FULL BLOG HERE



#### Jubilee Funds - Due Sunday!

Reminder that Jubilee Fund applications are due to the church office by this Sunday, March 31! If you are a BGMC member who is actively involved within the church and in a ministry/program that helps others, you are eligible to apply

for Jubilee funds for the organizations and missions you are involved in. Application forms are available on our website, or pick up a paper copy in the church foyers.

#### Sunday, April 7

9:30 am - Jeff Wright will bring the message "Unity Through Generosity to One Another", based on Acts 4:32-35.

#### **Upcoming Speakers**

April 14 - Josh Meyer April 21 - TBD April 28 - Jeff Wright

#### **BGMC Staff**

- Jeff Wright, Interim
- Michael Bishop, Pastor of Music, Worship &
- general inquiries, cemetery/burial, worship
- Gretchen Cook facility use, congregant database, Sunday School
- Bookkeeper
- News, Facebook,
- Youth Ministries Coordinator

#### RamPacks - Help Needed



RamPacks is in need of drivers to deliver bins to schools for April and May. Deliveries are scheduled on Friday mornings at 9:00 am and usually take less than an hour. Please contact Julie Derstine to volunteer.

#### **Knotting & Quilting @ MRC**

Our Women's Bible Study will resume their time of work and service at the Material Resource Center on the second Wednesday of the month, 9:00 am to noon, from April through September. Join them beginning April 10! If you have questions, see Rose Lambright.





- Pastoral Care
- Michelle Ahn-Doettger leader notes
- administration
- Conrad Martin,
- Kristine McClain communications (Glen graphics)
- Jen Yoder, Senior High

#### Thank You!

Since mid-January, BGMC children have been enjoying our new Busy Bags during worship services. Did you know that the bag "trees" were constructed by Bob Bishop & Bob Moyer (pictured at left with Betty Jane) and painted by Kim Bergey? Thank you for offering your time and talents to this project!

### **Our Church Family**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers - John Grasse, Clyde Landes

Note this room change for Ruth Simpson at Souderton Mennonite Homes: 5026

We're sad to report that former pastor Bob Schloneger passed away on March 25 in Goshen, IN. Bob co-pastored at BGMC, along with his wife Enid, from 1999 to 2007. The funeral service will be Saturday, March 30 at 10 am and may be viewed by livestream - link: https://zoom.us/j/2910680828, password: 391139. Read his obituary here.

#### In Our Community & Beyond

Did you know ... Pennridge FISH welcomes cleaning product donations for their clients? Items such as air fresheners, laundry detergent, multi-purpose/bathroom cleaners, dish soap and sponges can be dropped off in the church office foyer or at FISH's food pantry during regular hours; learn more at PennridgeFISH.org.

#### Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom

• April 28 - Top Golf

#### Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- April 9 Game Night,
   7:00-8:30 pm dropoff and pick-up at Dave and Lori Bergey's home
- April 14 Bake Sale in the Welcome Center

#### **Kids Club:**

For grades K through 5

 April 14 - Clay and Play, 12:00 pm

Medical Waiver: BGMC's Medical Waiver and Permission form for Children and Youth activities is available <a href="here">here</a>.

Dayspring Counseling Center of Penn Foundation will provide counseling sessions to congregational members and their families at a reduced fee through the Member Assistance Program (MAP). Call 215-257-6551 to schedule an appointment. More details are available in MAP brochures located in the foyers.

#### **CONTACT US**

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## **Upcoming Events**

To be certain your news item will be included in the next issue of the Glen News, please submit it to Kristine McClain (Kristine@bgmc.net) by noon on Tuesday of each week. Please note: Groups using the church during evenings and weekends are responsible to lock/unlock and turn off the lights.

#### **CALENDAR NOTES:**

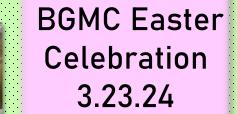
- ▼ The BGMC office will be closed Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter
- ✓ Note Pastor Jeff's upcoming schedule: April 7-14: on vacation | April 15-26: working from California he can be contacted by email or on his cell (951-990-4244), but please be aware that he is 3 hours behind us | April 28 (pm)-May 6: traveling with Mosaic Conference
- Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm Good Friday Service with communion and foot-washing
- Sunday, March 31 Prayer Time Bible Study; meets in person in the Prayer Room or the sanctuary, and on Zoom. On Easter Sunday, we will meet from the end of the Sunrise Service until 9:00 am.
  - \* Zoom link: click here Meeting ID: 883 2558 1982 Passcode: 645177
- Sunday, March 31, 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service at the pavilion; 9:30 am -Easter Worship (no Sunday School
- Wednesday, April 3, 9:00 am Women's Bible Study in the Welcome Center (this is the final session of the study)
- ◆ Sunday, April 7, 12:00-2:00 pm Collaborative Music Ensemble; meets the first Sunday of the month in the sanctuary all instruments/skill levels welcome
- Wednesday, April 10, 9:00 am-12:00 am Women's Bible Study group knot-tying & quilting at MCC Material Resource Center; see page 2
- Sunday, April 14 after worship Junior High Bake Sale fundraiser
- Wednesday, April 17, 6:15-8:00 pm SEEDS meets on the third Wednesday of the month. For more info or to help, contact Jodi Stewart-Moore.
- Sunday, April 21 Prayer & Business Meeting during Sunday School, followed by a Congregational Meal beginning around 12:00 pm
- Saturday, April 27, 7:00 am Spring Work Day; all ages and abilities are welcome

Wondering what's going on in and around Mosaic Conference?
See current & past issues of Mosaic News - their weekly e-newsletter 
<u>by clicking here</u>.











See more photos on the BGMC Facebook page



## Palm Sunday

Leonard Dow brings the message

Children's palm processional

Melodious Accord Lenten song service



