

Sunday, April 21

9:30 am - Amanda Yoder will bring the message "Transforming the Everyday".

Past week, April 14

Worship Attendance:	
Worship	165
Online	34
Offering:	
Regular	17,291.00
Electronic	7,170.00
Foundation	3,000
Other	337.50
Total:	27,798.50

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

Pastoral Care Team:
Contact anyone on this team with pastoral care concerns - Michael Bishop, Pastor, Merrill Allebach, Rose Allebach, Glenda Bergey, Joye Bryan, Mark Derstine, Karen Hunsberger, Betty Kulp (John), Ellen Lacher, Marilyn Nase, Ralph Nase, Sylvia Shelly

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please inform one of the pastors or pastoral visitor team members. Due to confidentiality, hospitals no longer inform congregations when our members are admitted. We appreciate the information you pass along to our team to help us better care and offer support to all our members. Thank you, Michael Bishop

[CLICK HERE](#)
to read the latest Pastor's Blog!



Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Day

Please join us on Sunday, April 28 following the worship service as we gather in the Welcome Center to show our appreciation to our Sunday School teachers and MYF sponsors. There will be yummy expressions of gratitude to be shared by all!



MEP Plan

We believe it's important to "pass on the faith" to all of our children. The Mennonite Education Plan (MEP) is a mutual aid program designed to help share the cost of education at Dock Mennonite Academy and Quakertown Christian School. To participate in this benefit an [MEP Covenant Form](#) must be returned to the church office by April 30, 2024. Contact Matt Rittenhouse with questions.

Spring Work Day

Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, starting at 7:00 am (or whenever you can arrive) and the trustees are counting on you to help us make our spring work day a success. We have a job for everyone: weeding, cleanup, painting, cleaning, window washing, tombstone straightening, raking, seeding. Morning snack and lunch will be provided. Can't make work day? Let us know - there are projects that can be done at a different time. Questions? Contact Daryl Derstine.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Please stop by the library to discover some new books which were added to the shelves this month. Other recent donations include Beauty Beyond Feathers, a children's book written by our own Abby Bankert, (daughter of Dave and Lori Bergey). See attached for purchased new book details: [click here](#).

2024 Spending Plan UPDATE

Jan-Mar Income	\$166,1285
Jan-Mar Expenses	\$239,102
2024 YTD net	(72,974)
2023 carry-over	\$29,051
FINAL NET	(43,923)

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am - Jeff Wright will bring the message "Unity Through Studying the Scriptures Together" from Acts 8.26-40.

Upcoming Speakers

May 5 - Josh Meyer
May 12 - Jeff Wright
May 19 - Dock Touring
Choir

BGMC Staff

- [Jeff Wright](#), Interim Lead Pastor
- [Michael Bishop](#), Pastor of Music, Worship & Pastoral Care
- [Michelle Ahn-Doettger](#) - general inquiries, cemetery/burial, worship leader notes, temporarily communications (Glen News, Facebook, graphics)
- [Gretchen Cook](#) - facility use, congregant database, Sunday School administration
- [Conrad Martin](#), Bookkeeper
- [Jen Yoder](#), Senior High Youth Ministries Coordinator

Opportunities for Service at BGMC

- * In the next weeks, we are looking to fill some important ministry support roles:
 - Facilities Management is looking for some volunteers who are willing to be "on-call" for occasional set up and take down of various events in Fellowship Hall and the Welcome Center. Contact [Gretchen Cook](#) for more details.
 - The Women's Ministry Team is looking for an individual (s) able to provide loving and supportive childcare during various women's ministry activities. A modest stipend is available through the Women's Ministry Fund. Individuals must have current background checks. Contact Rose Lambright or Jodi Stewart-Moore for more information.

Staffing Updates

Kristine McClain, our Administrative Assistant, submitted her resignation two weeks ago, effective April 4, 2024. We are thankful for Kristine's service at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church for the last two years. In the short term, Michelle Ahn-Doettger will be filling the majority of Kristine's role. We will be looking to fill the position in the following months. Please [click here](#) for the job description. Interested persons should email michelle@bgmc.net with their resume.

Our Church Family



With anticipation and encouragement, the congregation welcomes the discernment, preparation, and intention of church membership for Betsy Denlinger, and Lynn and Virgil Roth, each through affirmation of faith celebrating in worship April 28. With thanksgiving and welcome!

Congratulations Marvin Blickenstaff for your book: [Inspired Piano Teaching](#). Our congregation is privileged to share your artful and inspiring contributions in worship. Indeed, you teach the best of humanity, and more life.



2024 Graduate Recognition

It's that time of year again when we recognize and bless our graduates! If you have a family member that is actively a part of BGMC and is graduating this spring or summer (or graduated this past winter) from high school, college or graduate school, please notify Gretchen in the church office at gretchen@bgmc.net /215-257-3431 by Wednesday, May 1.

Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the
Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ April 28 - Top Golf
- ◆ May 5—Centro De Alabanza Church

Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- ◆ April 19-21 – Philadelphia Project – Service Weekend

Kids Club:

For grades K through 5

- ◆ April 30—Pinewood Derby woodworking night. 5:30 pm

Medical Waiver: BGMC's Medical Waiver and Permission form for Children and Youth activities is available [here](#).

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.

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In Our Community

A Food Festival to benefit RamPacks will be held Sunday, April 28, 12:00-4:00 pm at the Sellersville Firehouse. The event will feature food trucks, vendors and kids' activities. More information at RamPacks.com. If you would like to bake something for their bake sale table, or help at the event, [click here](#) to sign up.

MCC MRC is happy to report the success of the 2024 Meat Canning Event. Upwards of 300 volunteers processed 24,000 pounds of pork into 16,010 cans. These cans will be shipped to the people of Ukraine in the coming year. Thank you to all who donated monetarily and of their time to make this event a success. Together we are sharing God's love and compassion by responding to basic human needs.

Upcoming Events

To be certain your news item will be included in the next issue of the Glen News, please submit it to Michelle Ahn-Doettger (Michelle@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: Pastor Jeff's upcoming schedule

- ✓ April 15-26: working remotely - reachable by email or on his cell; he will be 3 hours behind us
- ✓ April 28 (pm)-May 4: working remotely - reachable by email or on his cell; he will be 5 hours ahead of us
- ✓ May 5-9: vacation

- ◆ **Sunday, April 21 - Prayer Time Bible Study**; meets in person in the Prayer Room or the sanctuary, and on Zoom. Prayer time will be 7 to 8, with Bible study from 8 to 9.
* Zoom link: [click here](#) Meeting ID: 883 2558 1982 Passcode: 645177
- ◆ **Sunday, April 21 - Prayer & Business Meeting** during Sunday School ([see the agenda here](#)), followed by a **Congregational Meal** beginning around 12:00 pm; to join the meeting by Zoom, you must be logged in.
* Zoom link: [click here](#) Meeting ID: 898 4961 0704 Passcode: 194820
- ◆ **Saturday, April 27, 7:00 am - Spring Work Day**; all ages and abilities are welcome (see page 1 of this newsletter).
- ◆ **Sunday, May 5, 12:00-2:00 pm - Collaborative Music Ensemble**; meets the first Sunday of the month in the sanctuary - all instruments/skill levels welcome
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 am-12:00 pm - Women's Bible Study group** knot-tying & quilting at MCC Material Resource Center
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 15, 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, May 19, 9:30 am - Dock Mennonite Academy (9-12) touring choir** will be our specials guests in worship, and we will recognize those graduating from high school or post-high (see page 2 of this newsletter).
- ◆ **Sunday, May 26 - Outdoor Service in the Pavilion** (note the swap: Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:45) followed by a potluck lunch; please bring a main dish and a side or dessert.

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