

## Sunday, April 28

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

## Past week, April 21

### Worship Attendance:

Worship	163
Online	27

### Offering:

Regular	14,757.50
Electronic	2,412.75
Other	626.05
<b>Total:</b>	<b>17,796.30</b>

To watch the worship service online, please visit [www.bgmc.net](http://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

*"I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

- Philippians 1.3-6 (CSB)



Dear Church,

By the time you read this, Lord willing, I'll be back in Pennsylvania. I return on Friday night the 26th, for a quick weekend in Blooming Glen before I leave again Sunday night the 28th for a ten-day trip to the United Kingdom and France, with Mosaic Conference colleagues from Salford, Zion, and Philadelphia Praise Center. Our purpose is to re-engage with Anabaptist-minded ministries that the former Franconia Conference had significant relationships with until COVID made travel difficult. In re-establishing these relationships, we look forward to learning how churches and ministries in Europe are facing the cultural cocktail of a deep immersion into post-Christendom, struggling to rebuild relationships in the aftermath of a global pandemic, being fundamentally reshaped by the global phenomena of migration, and the need to come to terms with increasingly incredible technology that is very smart, but not very wise.

[READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)

Pastor Jeff  
jeff@bgmc.net

PS - "Coffee and Conversation" resumes on Friday, May 10, at the Broad Street Grind, 3:30pm-4:45pm. "Omelets, Oatmeal, and Observations" resumes on Monday, May 13, at the A&N Diner, 7:30am-8:45am.

## 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!



## 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.

## 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, May 5

9:30 am - Josh Meyer will bring the message "Respect Everyone, Always" from Ephesians 4: 29 - 5:2, Matthew 7: 12.

## Upcoming Speakers

May 12 - Jeff Wright  
May 19 - Dock Touring  
Choir  
May 26 - Jeff Wright

## 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

## 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](#).

## Staffing Updates

Kristine McClain, our Administrative Assistant, resigned 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](mailto:michelle@bgmc.net) with their resume.

## 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 on May 8! If you have questions, see Rose Lambright.



## Blooming Glen Volunteer Day at Care & Share

Members of BGMC share in service at Care and Share in Souderton the 4th Wednesday each month (& 5th Thursday, if there is one). Join them on May 22 and 30! Times = 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Gladys Grasse.

## Our Church Family

In Our Thoughts & Prayers - Brent and Ruth Ann Benfield, Carol Billman



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!

## 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](mailto:gretchen@bgmc.net) /215-257-3431 by Wednesday, May 1.

## 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](http://RamPacks.com). If you would like to bake something for their bake sale table, or help at the event, [click here](#) to sign up.

Please join The Worm Project at 9 am on Saturday, May 18th, for their annual Fun Walk around beautiful Franconia Community Park. Along the path, there will be many fun, interactive, and educational stations for all ages.

## 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](mailto: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 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

- ◆ **Saturday, April 27, 7:00 am - Spring Work Day;** all ages and abilities are welcome (see page 1 of this newsletter).
- ◆ **Sunday, April 28 - 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
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm - Conversations with the Pastoral Search Committee** - There will be a zoom meeting for persons who were unable to participate in the lunch discussion following the business meeting. On this zoom, you will hear a summary of the recommendations brought to CLB from the Pastoral Search Committee and the opportunity to share questions, concerns and affirmations. The zoom link for this meeting is:  
\* Zoom link: [click here](#) Meeting ID: 890 1592 0826 Passcode: 963784
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 22 and 30, 9:00 am-1:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Blooming Glen Volunteer Day at Care & Share.**
- ◆ **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.

Wondering what's going on in and around Mosaic Conference? See current & past issues of Mosaic News - their weekly e-newsletter - [by clicking here](#).

### Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ **April 28 - Top Golf,** noon departure
- ◆ **May 5—Centro De Alabanza Church** 10:45 am departure

### Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- ◆ **May 5 – Peace Valley / Nolt's**
- ◆ **May 14 – Game Night** 7:00-8:30 pm – drop-off and pick-up at Dave and Lori Bergey's home

### 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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