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Sunday, February 4

9:30 am - Worship Service
- Josh Meyer will bring the message "Love Everyone, Always".

All are invited to the
Welcome Center for
coffee before or after
the service.

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

Dear Church,

A primary focus for me over the next six months will be a concerted effort in preparing and implementing a sustaining and sustainable preaching team. While in an interim role, offering a more monologue diet of preaching was important for reinforcing and clarifying the restructuring and realigning process, the time has now come for beginning to implement a more multi-voiced approach to preaching. According to Stuart Murray Williams, multi-voiced preaching is consistent with the witness of scripture, practiced in our historic Anabaptist-Mennonite traditions, honoring of the importance of the preaching ministry (if preaching is central to the life of the church, then more than one person ought to do it), it trusts the work of the Holy Spirit in Christian community, and it fosters discipleship rather than dependency.



What must be avoided in moving from monologue models of preaching to multi-voiced approaches is the tendency of creating preaching beauty pageants as described in 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 ("I follow Paul ... I follow Peter ... I follow Apollos ..."). The purpose of preaching is two-fold: It is foundational – to build the life and witness of the church on the loving truth of Jesus the crucified Lord. And it is aspirational – to lift up Christ the resurrected Savior, who is the counter-cultural power of God and wisdom of God. ... [READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)

Jubilee Funds



Jubilee Fund applications are now being accepted for 2025. Each year BGMC members who are actively involved within the church and in a ministry/program that helps others are eligible to apply for Jubilee funds for the organizations and missions they are involved in. Applications are due by March 31 to the church office and are available [on our website](#), or pick up a paper copy in the church foyers.

Membership Classes

Do you desire to learn more about becoming a member here at Blooming Glen? If so, please [email Gretchen](#) in the church office to find out more about upcoming membership classes.

My Coins Count

Reminder that we are still collecting for My Coins Count through the end of February - look for the big jugs at the sanctuary entrances. Also, we will have a special collection during worship on Sunday, February 25!



Inclement Weather?

Check for Sunday service cancellation info, available by 8 am:
* [BGMC Facebook page](#)
* [BGMC website](#)
* recorded message at 215-257-3431



Sunday, February 11

9:30 am - Worship Service
- Jeff Wright will bring the message "Joy is the Race Well Run", based on Hebrews 12:1-3.

Past week - January 28

Worship Attendance:

Worship	168
Online	41

Offering:

Regular	5,948.00
Electronic	2,610.00
Foundation	7,300.00
Building Fund	423.00
Other	1,137.78

Total: 17,418.78

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
- [Gretchen Cook](#) - facility use, congregant database, Sunday School administration
- [Conrad Martin](#), Bookkeeper
- [Kristine McClain](#) - communications (Glen News, Facebook, graphics)
- [Jen Yoder](#), Senior High Youth Ministries Coordinator

Spring Women's Bible Study

The Spring Women's Bible Study begins on Wednesday, February 14 at 9:30 am and continues for 8 weeks on Wednesday mornings in the Welcome Center. We will be studying the book of Colossians with Meghan Larissa Good as our teacher; you may remember Meghan as she spent a day or two at BGMC in March, 2020. You won't want to miss Meghan and our discussions! Sign up with one of our Women's Ministry Team members - Julia Delp, Rose Lambright, Janet Landes, Jodi Stewart-Moore, and Lois Tobin - or check out the bulletin board located in the Welcome Center.



New to BGMC: Busy Bags!

BGMC is now offering Busy Bags for children to use during the service. Each bag includes: a book, sensory toys, a mini coloring book, and crayons. Bags are currently located in the welcome center and we ask that they get returned after the service. With this new program we need your help. If you have suggestions of items to be included or how to make the bags more user friendly please email michelle@bgmc.net.

College Care Kits

Reminder that donations for the College Care Kits are being collected until February 12! Join our church family in collecting special treats for our college students and college-aged young adults as they look forward to the close of the spring semester. There are 3 ways you can help make these packages special:

* donate items for the kits or money for postage costs - [see the list and sign up here](#)

* create an expression of love to be included in the kits

* pray for our students and young adults

Place donations in the bin in the Welcome Center, with monetary donations to the church office clearly marked "College Care Kits". For further information, talk with Tamara Denlinger, Jodi Stewart Moore or Robin Long.



Our Church Family

In Our Thoughts and Prayers - Karin Honeybone, Don Moyer, Ken Rush, Thelma Swartzendruber

Marvin Detweiler, father of Corey Detweiler, passed away on Friday, January 26. Services will be held on Saturday, February 3 at Deep Run East Mennonite Church, with a visitation beginning at 9:30 am followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am. [See the obituary here.](#)

Pauline Garber, mother of Jane Roth, passed away on Monday, January 29. Our prayers are with Jane & Phil, as well as grandchildren Ben & Monica. A memorial service will be held Monday, February 5, 11:00 am (visitation begins at 10:00 am) at Landis Homes Retirement Community in Lititz. [See the obituary here.](#)

Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ February 9-11 - Spruce Lake Winter Retreat

Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- ◆ February 13 - Game Night, 7:00-8:30 pm – drop-off and pick-up at Dave and Lori Bergey's home
- ◆ February 24 - Care & Share service day

Kids' Club:

For grades K through 5

- ◆ Next events TBA

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 & Beyond

The MCC Mobile Meat Canner will be operating at the MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) for 3 days, March 25-27, from 6 am to 7 pm. Both financial contributions and volunteers are needed to make this project a success! Donations can be made payable to "MCC Canner Project" and mailed to MRC, 737 Hagey Center Dr., Unit C, Souderton, PA, 18964. If you're able to volunteer some time, call 267-203-8074.

High school seniors and college students: Everence offers college scholarships for students who meet eligibility requirements. Check this link - [Everence College Scholarship](#) - for eligibility information and to download the application form. The deadline to apply is February 28. If you have questions, email scholarship@everence.com.

Lent & Easter @ BGMC



* **February 14**, 7 pm - Ash Wednesday Service w/ Deep Run East & Perkasio Mennonite Churches

* **February 21-March 20** (Wed. nights), 6 pm - Lenten Meals & Devotions

* **March 23**, 9:30 am - Kids Easter Celebration

* **March 24** - Palm Sunday
- 9:30 am - Worship
- 6 pm - Melodious Accord
Lenten song service

* **March 29**, 7 pm - Good Friday Service (communion & foot-washing)

* **March 31** - Easter Sunday
- 6:30 am - Sunrise Service at the pavilion
- 9:30 am - Easter Worship (no Sunday School)

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.

- ◆ **Sunday, February 4 - 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, February 4, 12:00-2:00 pm - Collaborative Music Ensemble**; meets the first Sunday of the month in the sanctuary - all instruments/skill levels welcome
- ◆ **Monday, February 5, 7:00-8:30 pm - Intergenerational Choir** - new singers welcome!
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 14, 9:00 am - Women's Bible Study** kicks off their spring study; see page 2 or the bulletin board in the Welcome Center for more info
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday service** with Deep Run East & Perkasio Mennonite Churches (service held here at BGMC)
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 21 (and each Wed. evening through March 20), 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal** (hosted by Gemeinschaft) & Devotions
- ◆ **Wednesday, February 21, 6:15-8:00 pm - SEEDS** meets on the third Wednesday of the month. For more info or to help, contact Jodi Stewart-Moore.

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