

February 9-15, 2024, Vol. 15, Issue 6

## 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.

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

## Wednesday, February 14

**7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday service with Deep Run East & Perkasie Mennonite Churches (service held here at BGMC)**

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

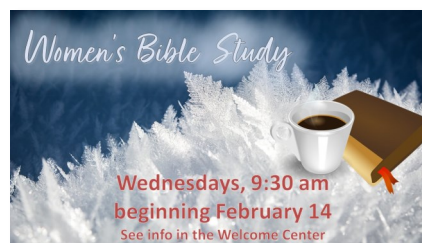
### **Pastoral Care Team:**

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

Dear Church,

Between now and the end of July, I'll be working with our staff, elders, and various core ministry leaders to collaborate in launching new and ongoing ministry efforts. We want to continue to strengthen already strong team ministries in pastoral care, peacebuilding and music. We want to add greater preaching capacity by forming a preaching team (see last week's blog). We want to build on the various family engagement ministries with children and youth, making sure we as a church are complying with Pennsylvania law and regulations for child safety clearances, and making sure our teachers have adequate access to curriculum resources that they will use. We want to develop more creative expressions of worship on Sunday morning. We want to generate stronger adult formation opportunities in the Sunday Second Hour, and beyond. We want to increase our capacity for neighborhood engagements of invitation and service. Finally, as we head toward the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anabaptist movement, we want to advance into new global connections and possible partnerships with the church around the world. Through these ministry efforts, we want to strengthen our identity as people shaped by the grace of Jesus. We want to belong to a community of faith at Blooming Glen that encounters the rich, stubborn love of God. We want to find greater purpose in service to our neighbors near and far as a fellowship of the Holy Spirit. ... [READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)



### **Spring Women's Bible Study**

The Spring Women's Bible Study begins THIS WEDNESDAY, February 14 at 9:30 am in the Welcome Center. All women are welcome as we study the book of Colossians with Meghan Larissa Good as our teacher! To sign up or learn more, see Julia Delp, Rose Lambright, Janet Landes, Jodi Stewart-Moore or Lois Tobin, or check out the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

### **College Care Kits**

Reminder that donations for the College Care Kits are being collected until this Monday, February 12! [See the donation list and sign up here](#). Donations can be placed 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.

## Sunday, February 18

### 9:30 am - Worship Service

- Jeff Wright will bring the message "Christ Among Us, Repent & Believe", based on Mark 1:9-15.

## Past week - February 4

### Worship Attendance:

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Worship | 203 |
| Online  | 47  |

### Offering:

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| Regular    | 7,444.00  |
| Electronic | 4,575.00  |
| Other      | 250.00    |
| Total:     | 12,269.00 |

## 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



## Kids Easter Celebration

We are excited to invite you, our friends, and neighbors to our Easter Celebration: A Community Event at BGMC. This event will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 am. If you are able to donate candy towards this event, there will be a table in the Welcome Center to place your donations (no later than Sunday, March 10). Monetary donations are appreciated, too; make checks out to BGMC (Easter Celebration in the memo line) and place in Jen Yoder's office mailbox. Please see Jen or Amanda Yoder with any questions!

## Gifts Discernment Process

BGMC is beginning our annual discernment process for selecting new members for lay leadership to replace current members of the Congregational Leadership Board (CLB), Foundation Groups, and Mosaic Mennonite Conference Delegates whose terms are ending as of August 31. The term limit for CLB and Foundation Group members is two consecutive three-year terms; conference delegates serve one three-year term. A detailed listing of our openings will be in the church foyers and [on our website](#). We have the following openings:

3 CLB openings | 1 Elders opening | 2 Gifts Discernment openings  
1 Stewardship opening | 2 Trustees openings | 1 Conference Delegate opening

As of February 11, you may submit your recommendations using the [online form](#), a hard copy (located in the church foyers on blue paper), or contact Paul Liechty with your recommendations or questions: [pwl2pwl@verizon.net](mailto:pwl2pwl@verizon.net) or 215-353-2209. The deadline for submissions is March 3. Please prayerfully consider your recommendations as we discern together with the Spirit's leading.

## Mentor Program Bowling

Involved in the BGMC Mentor Program as a mentor or mentee? Then don't miss Bonding With Bowling! Join us Saturday, February 24, 4:00-6:00 pm at Earl Bowl Lanes in Earlington. Please RSVP to [Linda Allebach](#) so we know how many lanes to reserve.

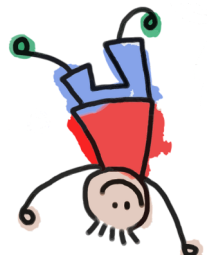


## Membership Classes

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.

## Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

What is children's ministry? One way Google explains it is this: "a children's ministry exists with the goal of communicating the love of Christ to the children of the world." How would YOU answer that question? BGMC is looking for dedicated volunteers with a love for Jesus and Blooming Glen's children to sign up to lead or assist in our Children's Sunday School for the 2024/2025 school year. Please [email Gretchen](#) in the church office for more information.



## Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the  
Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ February 9-11 - Spruce Lake Winter Retreat
- ◆ March 3 - MYF Parent & Youth meeting during Sunday School in the MYF room

## 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

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.

## CONTACT US

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## Jubilee Funds

Jubilee Fund applications are now being accepted for 2024. 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.

## 2024 Spending Plan UPDATE

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| January Income   | \$46,400        |
| January Expenses | <u>\$87,522</u> |
| 2024 YTD net     | (41,122)        |
| 2023 carry-over  | <u>\$29,051</u> |
| FINAL NET        | (12,071)        |

## 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)

## Our Church Family

In Our Thoughts & Prayers - Will Grasse, Karin Honeybone, Don Moyer, Ken Rush Sr.

Marvin Detweiler, father of Corey Detweiler, passed away on Friday, January 26; services were held on February 3. [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. Services were held on February 5. [See the obituary here](#).

Lizzie Godshall passed away on Friday, February 2 at Pennsburg Manor. A viewing will be held here at BGMC on February 16 from 10:00 to 11:00 am, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 am. [See the obituary here](#).

## In Our Community & Beyond

A reminder that Patsy Miller and Rick Kratz are leading another group of BGMC folks to Honduras this summer with Healthy Ninos Honduras, June 29 to July 6. They will again help with a health brigade, dental clinic, and provide cement floors. All abilities are welcome - this is a great parent/child or grandparent/grandchild mission trip experience. If you're interested or want more information, see the table in the Welcome Center or contact Patsy at 215-266-0782.

## 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](mailto: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 11 - 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
- ♦ **Monday, February 12, 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, 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal** (hosted by Gemeinschaft) & Devotions; meals will be held each Wednesday through March 20
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Saturday, February 24, 4:00-6:00 pm - Mentor Program Bowling**; see page 2
- ♦ **Sunday, March 3, 12:00-2:00 pm - Collaborative Music Ensemble**; meets the first Sunday of the month in the sanctuary - all instruments/skill levels welcome
- ♦ **Saturday, March 23, 9:30 am - Kids Easter Celebration**; see page 2
- ♦ **Sunday, March 24, 6:00 pm - Melodious Accord Lenten song service**
- ♦ **Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service** with communion and footwashing
- ♦ **Sunday, March 31, 6:30 am - Easter Sunrise Service** at the pavilion; 9:30 am - **Easter Worship** (no Sunday School)

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

### Inclement Weather?

Check for Sunday service cancellation info, available by 8 am:

- \* [BGMC Facebook page](#)
- \* [BGMC website](#)
- \* recorded message at 215-257-3431

