

February 23-29, 2024, Vol. 15, Issue 8

Sunday, February 25

9:30 am - **Worship Service**
- Steve Kriss, Executive Minister for Mosaic Conference, will bring the message.

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

Dear Church,

Lent isn't always a quiet season!

Here at Blooming Glen, we've got an eight-week Bible study for women underway, meeting on Wednesday mornings. We've got an Intergenerational Choir, rehearsing on Monday evenings, and singing in worship through the Lenten season. Kid's Club, Junior MYF, and Senior MYF have a variety of activities planned. There's an Easter Celebration planned for March 23, and our regular monthly partnership with SEEDS, as a part of our neighborhood engagement efforts. There are several children, youth, and adult formation groups (ie: Sunday School) happening during second hour on Sunday mornings. There's lots of pastoral visitation among our elderly community. Our preaching ensemble is beginning to take shape. Lenten dinners began this past week, with a meal and devotional (thanks to Gemeinschaft class for the meal and Libby Hollenbach for leading our devotional time). And if all that weren't enough, we are launching a three-week membership class on Sunday evenings at 5 pm, beginning on March 10 and continuing March 17 & 24 (the March 24 class starting time may be adjusted so as to not interfere with the Lenten Song Service – more will be revealed). This is a hybrid event, with both in-person and on-line options for attendance. ... [READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)



Lent & Easter @ BGMC

*** February 28-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)



Sunday, March 3

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

Past week - February 18

Worship Attendance:

Worship	130
Online	50

Offering:

Regular	3,345.00
Electronic	2,130.00

Total: 5,475.00

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

Membership Classes

A three-session membership class will be held Sunday, March 10, 17, and 24 at 5:00 pm. The text we will be reading and discussing is "*What We Believe Together*" by Alfred Neufeld. The book is available from Pastor Jeff. The class is best experienced in-person but will be available live on Zoom.

* Zoom link: [click here](#) Meeting ID: 824 3471 6148 Passcode: 016667

(You must be logged in to participate on Zoom.) Join us if you are interested in seeking membership at Blooming Glen, or simply want a refresher on Anabaptist-related faith convictions.

My Coins Count



Reminder that we will be taking a special collection for the 2024 My Coins Count project this Sunday, February 25. The general collection of coins or other donations, to benefit Mennonite Central Committee's clean water initiatives around the world, will conclude March 4 - look for the jugs located at the sanctuary entrances, or bring your donations to church on Sunday! Note that checks should be

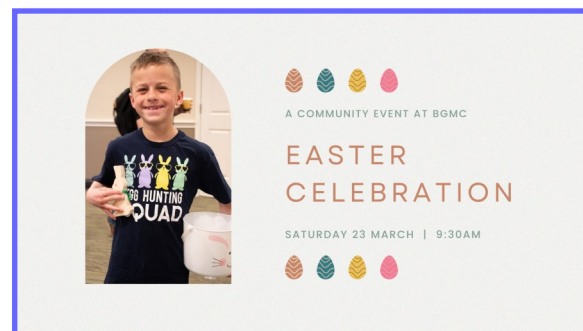
made out to "MCC-MRC" with "For My Coins Count" on the memo line.

Melodious Accord Lenten song service

Our Lenten song service will be held Sunday, March 24 at 6:00 pm. Leaning into Lenten themes of praise, confession and faith journey, the musical and poetic work that is Melodious Accord (thirteen American 19th century folk hymns arranged by recently departed Alice Parker) will be presented. Our intergenerational choir will share this grand collection with vocal soloists, harp, and the Red Barn Quintet. Congregational singing will be woven into our time together. Offering baskets will be available in support.

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!



Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ **March 3 - MYF Parent & Youth meeting** during Sunday School in the MYF room

Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- ◆ **February 24 - Care & Share service day**
- ◆ **February 27 - 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

- ◆ **March 16 - Pajama Party, 4:00 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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Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help clean and polish the sanctuary pews on Monday, March 4, 10:00 am to noon. If you can help, please sign up [here](#) or [email Michelle](#).



Mentor Program Bowling

Involved in the BGMC Mentor Program as a mentor or mentee? Then don't miss Bonding With Bowling! Join us this 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.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

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.

Gifts Discernment Process

BGMC is in 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 openings is available 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

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 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. .

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.



Our Church Family

In Our Thoughts & Prayers - Don Moyer

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.

** Note: this Sunday, February 25, Pastor Michael is leading worship with the Ambler Mennonite congregation and Pastor Jeff is at Neffsville Mennonite Church.*

- ♦ **Saturday, February 24, 4:00-6:00 pm - Mentor Program Bowling**; see page 2
- ♦ **Sunday, February 25 - 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 26, 7:00-8:30 pm - Intergenerational Choir**; new singers welcome
- ♦ **Wednesday, February 28, 9:00 am - Women's Bible Study** in the Welcome Center
- ♦ **Wednesday, February 28, 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal (hosted by Young Adults) & Devotions**; meals will be held each Wednesday through March 20
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Monday, March 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm - pew-cleaning/polishing**; see page 3
- ♦ **Sunday, March 10, 5:00 pm - Membership Class** in person or on Zoom; see page 2. Sessions will also be held March 17 & 24.
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 20, 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, March 23, 9:30 am - Kids Easter Celebration**; see page 2
- ♦ **Sunday, March 24, 6:00 pm - Melodious Accord Lenten song service**; see page 2
- ♦ **Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service** with communion and foot-washing
- ♦ **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

