

Sunday, March 24

9:30 am - Palm Sunday
Worship Service - Leonard Dow, Vice President of Community and Church Development for Everence, will bring the message "Don't Let the Palms Get in the Way", based on Luke 19:28-44.

Past week - March 17

Worship Attendance:

Worship	182
Online	52

Offering:

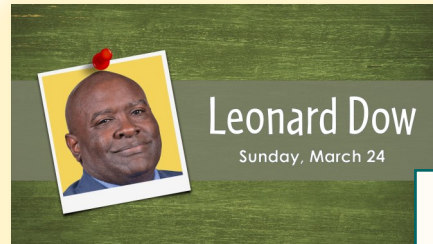
Regular	3,110.00
Electronic	2,298.44
Other	432.50
Total:	5,840.94

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



This weekend @ BGMC!



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Dear Church,

... When you couple the volatility of March with the season of Lent, it may be easy to find yourself in a wonderland of introspection. What, we wonder, is God up to in this time? Which Biblical image is best suited for us for the next few months? Are we entering a season of promise – the end of exile, and the beginning of the return (cf. Isaiah 40)? Are we celebrating a season of exodus from the pains of the past and living amid sustaining victory (cf. Exodus 15)? Are we in a season of rebuilding the community in ways that rely on the past and point to the future – a time of both great joy and stinging grief (cf. Ezra 3)? [READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)



Lent & Easter @ BGMC

- * **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)



Good Friday-March 29

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service - Jeff Wright will bring the message "God Laid on Jesus Our Iniquity", based on Isaiah 53:1-6. We will also take part in communion and footwashing.

Easter Sunday-March 31

6:30 am - Sunrise Service in the pavilion

9:30 am - Worship Service - Jeff Wright will bring the message "Christ Among Us, The Resurrection Way", based on John 20:1-18. No Sunday School will be held.

Upcoming Speakers

April 7 - Jeff Wright
April 14 - Josh Meyer
April 21 - TBD

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



Bring your kids, friends and neighbors to our community Easter Celebration this Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 am! Big thank you to everyone who donated candy or eggs, or gave financially. See you Saturday!

Palm Sunday

Join us this Sunday, March 24 as we celebrate Palm Sunday with a children's processional - please have children meet in the Sr. MYF room by 9:15 am; they will return to their parents after the processional. We welcome Leonard Dow, Vice President of Community and Church Development for Everence, who will bring us the message.

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.



RamPacks - Help Needed

RamPacks is in need of drivers to deliver bins to schools for April and May. Deliveries are scheduled on Friday mornings at 9:00 am and usually take less than an hour. Please contact Julie Derstine to volunteer.

Membership Classes

Our three-session membership class will conclude on Sunday, March 24 at 3:30 pm on Zoom. We will be reading and discussing "What We Believe Together" by Alfred Neufeld. See Pastor Jeff for a copy of the book, or to schedule a time to take sessions #1 and 2. Join us if you are interested in seeking membership at Blooming Glen, or simply want a refresher on Anabaptist-related faith convictions. (You must be logged in to Zoom to participate.)

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

Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ April 28 - Top Golf

Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- ◆ March 26 - Game Night, 7:00-8:30 pm – drop-off and pick-up at Dave and Lori Bergey's home
- ◆ April 14 - Bake Sale in the Welcome Center

Kids Club:

For grades K through 5

- ◆ April 14 - Clay and Play, 12:00 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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Jubilee Funds

Reminder that Jubilee Fund applications are due to the church office by March 31! 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. Application forms are available [on our website](#), or pick up a paper copy in the church foyers.

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 beginning April 10! If you have questions, see Rose Lambright.

Ushers Needed

The Ushers are looking for additional volunteers to help on Sunday mornings. For additional information or to sign up, [click here](#). Contact Gil Bishop with any questions

2024 Pavilion Season

Spring is right around the corner, and the BGMC pavilion will be open for use after Easter Sunday! We are now taking reservations for the pavilion for dates in April through June - contact [Gretchen Cook](#) with requests. A reminder that weddings and funerals will be given priority for this and other church facilities, which may make it necessary to reschedule previously scheduled activities.



Our Church Family

In Our Thoughts & Prayers - John Grasse, Clyde Landes, Sharon Landes

Note this room change for Ruth Simpson at Souderton Mennonite Homes: 5026

In Our Community & Beyond

Are there teens and young adults in your life that you hope will grown and learn in faith-filled communities? Bethany Birches Camp in Vermont has summer staff opportunities for them to spend intentional time with God, develop skills for their future and are a great resume builder. Check out [this link](#) to see summer positions available, or email camp@bethanybirches.org for more info.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is assessing needs in the wake of deadly tornadoes that struck Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky on March 14. Please pray for those affected by these storms and for the regional MDS leaders who are on the ground in the region. Donations may be made [online](#) (select 2024 Spring Tornadoes), or to inquire about volunteering, send your name, address & email to volunteer@mds.org.

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.

CALENDAR NOTES:

- ✓ *The BGMC office will be closed Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter*
- ✓ *Note Pastor Jeff's upcoming schedule: April 7-14: on vacation | April 15-26: working from California - he can be contacted by email or on his cell (951-990-4244), but please be aware that he is 3 hours behind us | April 28 (pm)-May 6: traveling with Mosaic Conference*
- ♦ **Saturday, March 23, 9:30 am - Kids Easter Celebration; see page 2**
- ♦ **Sunday, March 24 - 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, March 24, 3:30 pm - Membership Class on Zoom; see page 2.**
- ♦ **Sunday, March 24, 6:00 pm - Melodious Accord Lenten song service; see page 2**
- ♦ **Monday, March 25, 7:00-8:30 pm - Intergenerational Choir - final rehearsal of the season**
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 27, 9:00 am - Women's Bible Study in the Welcome Center (final session of the study will be April 3)**
- ♦ **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)**
- ♦ **Sunday, April 7, 12:00-2:00 pm - Collaborative Music Ensemble; meets the first Sunday of the month in the sanctuary - all instruments/skill levels welcome**
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 10, 9:00 am-12:00 am - Women's Bible Study group knot-tying & quilting at MCC Material Resource Center; see page 3**
- ♦ **Sunday, April 14 after worship - Junior High Bake Sale fundraiser**
- ♦ **Wednesday, April 17, 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, April 21 - Congregational Meal beginning around 12:00 pm**
- ♦ **Saturday, April 27, 7:00 am - Spring Work Day; save the date! All ages and abilities are welcome.**

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

Due to technical difficulties, you may have recently had trouble logging into the [BGMC Facebook page](#). PLEASE TRY AGAIN ... and be sure to "follow", so that you don't miss a post!

