

April 5-11, 2024, Vol. 15, Issue 14

Sunday, April 7

9:30 am - Jeff Wright will bring the message "Unity Through Generosity to One Another", based on Acts 4:32-35.

Past weekend, March 29-31

Worship Attendance:

Good Friday	120
Good Friday online	28
Easter Sunrise	82
Easter Sunrise online	8
Easter Worship	213
Easter Worship online	36

Offering:

Regular	3,110.00
Electronic	2,070.00
Foundation	300.00
Building Fund	400.00

Total: 5,880.00

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,

What a rainy, dreary week here in the Glen. As I write this (on Wednesday, April 3), it is 70° and sunny in Riverside, California ...

It's time for a trip back to the West Coast ...

... Upon my return, I'll be pivoting in May and June to work related to ending the interim assignment you've called me to do. I'll be finalizing a preaching ensemble of 3-6 voices proclaiming the gospel with unique voices. I'll be working with the CLB to hire the full compliment of program and administrative staff Blooming Glen needs to meet the vision you've expressed, and I'll begin to onboard this reformatted staff for new avenues of coaching ministry, based on our **REDS** strategy (**R**ecruit, **E**quip, **D**eploy, and **S**upport). I'll be helping to solidify steps staff and elders are working at to make our congregational care ministry even more excellent. I'll be overseeing the implementation of plans being made by staff and elders to expand our worship voices without compromising our commitment to be a singing church. And with those strengths in place, I'll be working with staff and elders to build the teams that engage our neighborhoods, continue to establish peaceful practices, and reconnect Blooming Glen to the global church. [READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)



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.

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!



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9:30 am - Josh Meyer will bring the message "Respect Everyone Always".

Upcoming Speakers

April 21 - TBD

April 28 - Jeff Wright

May 5 - Josh Meyer

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



Thank You!

Since mid-January, BGMC children have been enjoying our new Busy Bags during worship services. Did you know that the bag "trees" were constructed by Bob Bishop & Bob Moyer (pictured at left with Betty Jane) and painted by Kim Bergey? Thank you for offering your time and talents to this project!

MEP Plan

We believe it's important to "pass on the faith" to all of our children. The Mennonite Education Plan (MEP) is a mutual aid program designed to help share the cost of education at Dock Mennonite Academy and Quakertown Christian School. To participate in this benefit an [MEP Covenant Form](#) must be returned to the church office by April 30, 2024. Matt Rittenhouse will be available in the Welcome Center on April 7 and April 14 to answer any questions.

Opportunities for Service at BGMC

In the next weeks, we are looking to fill some important ministry support roles:

- Facilities Management is looking for some volunteers who are willing to be "on-call" for occasional set up and take down of various events in Fellowship Hall and the Welcome Center. Contact [Gretchen Cook](#) for more details.
- The Women's Ministry Team is looking for an individual(s) able to provide loving and supportive childcare during various women's ministry activities. A modest stipend is available through the Women's Ministry Fund. Individuals must have current background checks. Contact Rose Lambright or Jodi Stewart-Moore for more information.

Our Church Family

We're sad to report that former pastor Bob Schloneger passed away on March 25 in Goshen, IN. Bob co-pastored at BGMC, along with his wife Enid, from 1999 to 2007. The funeral service was held on March 30 in Goshen. [Read his obituary here.](#)

In Our Community

Gain clarity and confidence in retirement, by attending Everence's Medicare and Social Security seminar on Monday, April 15, 6:30 pm at Souderton Mennonite Church. To RSVP, [click here](#) or call 215-703-0111.

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](#).

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) 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 7-14 AND May 5-9: vacation
- ✓ April 15-26: working remotely - reachable by email or on his cell; he will be 3 hours behind us
- ✓ April 28 (pm)-May 4: working remotely - reachable by email or on his cell; he will be 5 hours ahead of us

Sunday, April 7 - 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, 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 pm - Women's Bible Study group** knot-tying & quilting at MCC Material Resource Center; see page 2
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 10, 4:30-6:30 pm (or as you're able) - Stick Cleanup;** come help the Trustees pick up sticks around the property; [please sign up here](#)
- ◆ **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 - Prayer & Business Meeting** during Sunday School ([see the agenda here](#)), followed by a **Congregational Meal** beginning around 12:00 pm; to join the meeting by Zoom, you must be logged in
* Zoom link: [click here](#) Meeting ID: 898 4961 0704 Passcode: 194820
- ◆ **Saturday, April 27, 7:00 am - Spring Work Day;** 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.](#)*

Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ **April 28 - Top Golf**

Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- ◆ **April 9 - 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

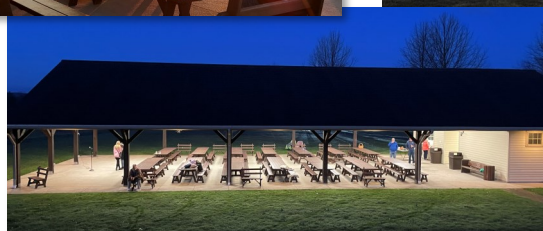
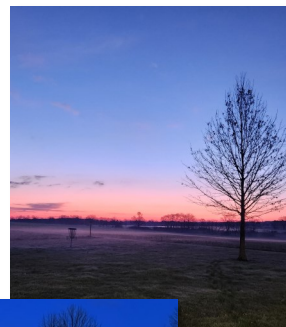
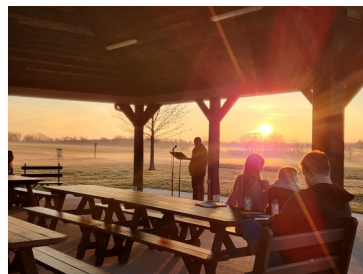
- ◆ **April 14 - Clay and Play,** 12:00 pm; [sign up here](#)

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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Easter Sunrise Service

(see the [BGMC Facebook page](#) for more photos)

