

March 8-14, 2024, Vol. 15, Issue 10

Sunday, March 10

(reminder to change your clocks -
daylight saving begins!)

9:30 am - Worship Service
- Jeff Wright will bring the message "Christ Among Us, The Merciful Way", based on Ephesians 2:1-10.

Past week - March 3

Worship Attendance:

Worship	192
Online	38

Offering:

Regular	8,861.00
Electronic	4,785.00
Other	431.09

Total: 14,077.09

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,

... We enter this season of reflection, repentance, and renewal in the aftermath of the joys of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. The Christ Story of miracle and mystery lead us not into an easy life, but into a deeper exploration of all that is broken in our hearts and in the world as it is. We live among wreck and ruin, as well as beauty and bounty. Lent invites us to introspection as individuals and as a congregation to reframe our postures from what was to what's next. In the 2+ years I have been privileged to serve with you, I have seen you as a congregation begin the slow, hard work of pivoting from what was and maybe lost, to what could be, and might invite us to new possibilities. Lent does this for us. It takes from joy of Jesus' birth, toward the pain of Jesus' Cross, to the exaltation of Jesus' resurrection.... [READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)



Membership Classes

A three-session membership class will be held Sunday, March 10, 17, and 24 at 3:30 pm on Zoom. We will be reading and discussing "What We Believe Together" by Alfred Neufeld. The book is available from Pastor Jeff. 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

Lent & Easter @ BGMC

* **March 13-20** (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 17

9:30 am - **Worship Service**
- Jeff Wright will bring the message "Christ Among Us, The New Covenant", based on Jeremiah 31:31-34. There will be an opportunity for anointing during the service.



Opportunity for Anointing

On Sunday, March 17 at the mid-point of the Lenten Season, we will take time in Sunday worship for the Elders to offer anointing to those in attendance. The gift of anointing with oil is for our healing (James 5:13-20). We offer it at Blooming Glen on occasions such as Lent to symbolically stand in solidarity and encourage one another in healing and hope. Let Pastor Jeff, Pastor Michael, or Elder Tamara Denlinger know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Speakers

March 24 - TBD

March 31 - Jeff Wright

April 7 - Jeff Wright

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.



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

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.

Sup and Sing

You are warmly invited to a Hymn Sing in the sanctuary on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm following the Lenten Meal which starts at 6:00. Come for one or both! If you have any questions, talk to Robin Schilling or Brent Alderfer.

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

Jan/Feb Income	\$99,135
Jan/Feb Expenses	\$169,794
2024 YTD net	(70,659)
2023 carry-over	\$29,051
FINAL NET	(41,608)

Sr. High Youth:

Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom

- ◆ **March 9 - Care & Share, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Jr. High Youth:

Friends welcome at all events!

- ◆ **March 8 - Late Night Blast**
- ◆ **March 12 - 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.

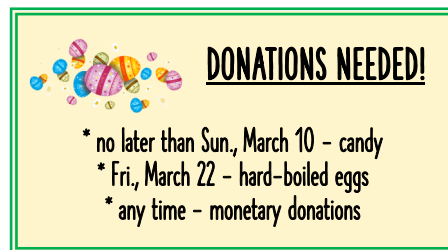
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Kids Easter Celebration

We are excited to invite you, our friends, and neighbors to our Easter Celebration: A Community Event at BGMC on Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 am. **Please bring your donations of candy by this Sunday, March 10,** and place them on the table in the Welcome Center. We are also on a mission to gather 30 dozen hard-boiled eggs for this event - if you are able to donate and drop off on Friday, March 22, please [click here](#) to sign up. 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!



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.

First Harvest Ministry - annual report

March 2023 arrived accompanied by the financial result of the First Harvest Project. Blessings flowed again as this year's corn crop produced an above-average yield, with the soybean crop producing an average yield. (High yields often cause lower prices.) Many thanks to supporters of supplies and transportation. Ray Detweiler hauled 2 tractor trailer loads of corn to Lancaster. Earl Weaver of Weavers Grain supplied an above-value bonus. The Growmark and Timac companies, which supply seed and fertilizer, gave the project a \$700 donation. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus. Grain sales generated \$17,000 for available distribution:

- * \$12,000 designated for MCC, with a portion of that supporting the Damascus Goat Project
- * \$5,000 to support RamPacks, a local program serving the Penridge School District

Thank you, Lord, for the support of the BGMC congregation. Once again, you have blessed us to share with others. - John and Mark Hockman

Our Church Family

In Our Thoughts & Prayers - John Grasse, Clyde Landes

Inclement Weather?



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

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

In Our Community

Dock Mennonite Academy's High School campus will hold an open house on Saturday, March 16 at 12:30 pm. Invite a friend who might like to learn more! [Click here](#) to register.

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.

** The BGMC office will be closed Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter*



Daylight saving begins this Sunday!

- ♦ **Sunday, March 10 - 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 10, 3:30 pm - Membership Class** on Zoom; see page 1. Sessions will also be held March 17 & 24.
- ♦ **Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:30 pm - Intergenerational Choir**; new singers welcome
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 13, 9:00 am - Women's Bible Study** in the Welcome Center (upcoming dates are March 20, 27 and April 3)
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 pm - Lenten Meal** (hosted by Fellowship of Friends) & Devotions; meals will be held each Wednesday through March 20
- ♦ **Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm - Hymn Sing** in the sanctuary; see page 2
- ♦ **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 3
- ♦ **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)
- ♦ **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 2
- ♦ **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](#).