

May 11-17, 2024, Vol. 15, Issue 19

## Sunday, May 12

9:30 am - Jeff Wright will bring the message "Unity Through Leaders That Follow Jesus" from Acts 1:15-26

## Past week, May 5

### Worship Attendance:

Worship	194
Online	28

### Offering:

Regular	5,406.00
Electronic	5,155.00
Other	320.00
Total:	10,881.00

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, Darlene Swartley

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:

On Western calendars, today, May 9, 2024, is the 40th day since Easter Sunday. It's Ascension Day. It's the day memorialized in Acts 1.1-11 and Mark 16.14-20. For the past forty days, Jesus had been presenting himself alive, speaking about the Kingdom of God, and promising a new baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now, something new happens. Jesus leaves. Now he ascends. The disciples had to be gobsmacked by Jesus. As if the events of the past eight weeks - from the resurrection of Lazarus to the upper room to the cross to the empty tomb all were not enough, now Jesus abruptly departs.

[READ THE FULL BLOG HERE](#)

Pastor Jeff  
[jeff@bgmc.net](mailto:jeff@bgmc.net)

P.S. I'm back to Pennsylvania, but I have a brief duty to perform in California. A good friend from my first pastorate out of seminary, Marvin Brandt, passed away last week at the age of 99. 25 years ago, I promised him and his family that I would be there to lay his body to rest and release him to glory. Sunday night, May 12, I'll fly back to California for his memorial service, which will be on Monday. I'll return Tuesday afternoon, May 14. So, Coffee and Conversation at the Broad Street Grind on Friday, May 10 and May 17, 3:30pm-4:45pm. Oatmeal and Observations, resumes on Monday, May 20, 7:30am-8:45am, at the A&N Diner. These are opportunities for any and all of y'all to talk with me about anything on your mind. If those times don't work, please reach out to me, and we'll find a time that works for you.



## Pastoral Search next steps

The next steps in our pastoral search will be to invite the congregation into the discernment process. There will be three sessions for congregants to have conversation with Pastoral Search, CLB, Elders and Jeff Wright.

Saturday, May 18	3:00pm
Saturday, May 18	7:00pm
Sunday, May 19	4:00pm

Meetings will be in the Fellowship Hall. These sessions are important and your voice is needed as we discern God's leading. Please plan to participate in one of these sessions.

## Children's Ministry: Help Needed

Helpers are needed for our combined Children's Sunday School time for pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade this summer (June, July, & August). We have great teachers lined up and need Assistants, Snack Helpers, and Pre-School Helpers. Each summer we bring our children's classes together for Sunday School and give the regular teachers a break. This is a great opportunity for classes and individuals to help our young ones grow in their love of Jesus and have fun together. Each Sunday will include a snack, lesson, and time to play and or do a craft. Volunteers can pick to help one Sunday or many, so the schedule is flexible. We can't do it without YOU! Please email [Gretchen](#) in the church office with any questions or interest or [click here](#) to sign up.



## Sunday, May 19

9:30 am - Deep Run Mennonite Church East will be joining us for a morning worship service lead by Dock Mennonite Academy's Touring Choir.

## Upcoming Speakers

May 26 - Jeff Wright  
June 2 - Josh Meyer  
June 9 - Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster  
June 16 - Jeff Wright

## 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

Children's Sunday School is seeking teachers, and assistants for the 2024/2025 school year (starting in September)! Volunteers can help for the full year or for a quarter. Be a part of a dedicated, Jesus' loving and fun team of volunteers who are helping to guide our Blooming Glen children toward a life with Christ by their side. Contact [Gretchen](#) in the church office for more information.

## **Mosaic Pathways Steering Team Update**

The Mosaic Pathways Steering Team continues its work as part of the two-year [Mosaic Pathways Process](#). Our team recently met with Mosaic leaders, Angela Moyer Walters, Roy Williams, and Steve Kriss to hear about their vision for the conference and ongoing communication between Mosaic and MCUSA. The strategic plan is taking shape in five focus areas: communication/transparency, clarity/identity, relationship building, leadership, and reconciliation. We are finalizing anchor statements and activities that will help us grow in each area and align with the conference's missional, intercultural, and formational priorities. The board will review the status of the plan at their May meeting. The team is working on both the plan and a recommendation regarding Mosaic's relationship with MCUSA for the November 2024 delegate assembly. Materials will be ready for the delegate preparation sessions which occur before assembly. Our team enjoys working together, laughs, has hard conversations, prays, and is committed to listening to each other and the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to continue to pray for this work, to sign up for the weekly [Mosaic Newsletter](#), and to build relationships with Mosaic members in our 50+ congregations and 20+ Conference Related Ministries (CRMs).

Bronwyn Histan - Mosaic Pathways Steering Team member

## **Staffing Updates**

Blooming Glen Mennonite Church is looking to hire a Communications Assistant in the coming months. To view the job description please [click here](#). Interested persons should email [michelle@bgmc.net](mailto:michelle@bgmc.net) with their resume.



## **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 on June 12! If you have questions, see Rose Lambright.

## **Blooming Glen Volunteer Day at Care & Share**

Members of BGMC share in service at Care and Share in Souderton the 4th Wednesday each month (& 5th Thursday, if there is one). Join them on May 22 and 30! Times = 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Gladys Grasse.



## **Our Church Family**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers - Brent and Ruth Ann Benfield

Your Pastoral Care Team welcomes Darlene Swartley as a care giver joining: Rose and Merrill Allebach, Glenda Bergey, Joye Bryan, Mark Derstine, Karen Hunsberger, Betty Kulp, Ellen Lacher, Marilyn and Ralph Nase, Sylvia Shelly, and Pastor Michael Bishop

## **Sr. High Youth:**

*Weekly Sunday School in the Sr. High Classroom*

- ♦ **May 19—MYF Senior Graduates Breakfast** 8:15 am Fellowship Hall
- ♦ **May 19—Graduate Recognition** during worship
- ♦ **June 29-July 6—Summer Service Trip** to California

## **Jr. High Youth:**

*Friends welcome at all events!*

- ♦ **June 11 – 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*

- ♦ **May 19—Clay Glazing and other activities,** noon
- ♦ **June 2—Pinewood Derby,** noon

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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## **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](mailto: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**

✓ May 13-14: in CA

- ♦ **Sunday, May 12 - 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
- ♦ **Wednesday, May 15, 6:15-8:00 pm - SEEDS** meets on the third Wednesday of the month. For more info or to help, contact Jodi Stewart-Moore.
- ♦ **Thursday, May 16, 1:00 - 7:00 pm. - Blood Drive with Miller-Keystone.** Appointments are required. To make an appointment go to: [https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/86742](https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/86742)
- ♦ **Sunday, May 19, 9:30 am - Dock Mennonite Academy (9-12) touring choir and Deep Run Mennonite Church East** will be our special guests in worship, and we will recognize those graduating from high school and post-high
- ♦ **Wednesday, May 22 and 30, 9:00 am-1:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Blooming Glen Volunteer Day at Care & Share.**
- ♦ **Sunday, May 26 - Outdoor Service in the Pavilion** (note the swap: Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:45) followed by a potluck lunch; please bring a main dish and a side or dessert.
- ♦ **Sunday, June 2, 12:00-2:00 pm - Collaborative Music Ensemble;** meets the first Sunday of the month in the sanctuary - all instruments/skill levels welcome
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 12, 9:00 am-12:00 pm - Women’s Bible Study group** knot-tying & quilting at MCC Material Resource Center



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

## **In Our Community**

Dock Mennonite Academy’s 63rd Annual Country Fair will be held on Friday, May 17 from 5-9 PM. Join us for BBQ chicken and strawberry pies (onsite at DOCK or drive by at Franconia Mennonite Church), live auction, food trucks, and fun activities for the entire family (face painting, Ben’s Balloon Animals, and Candy Drop). Shuttle parking available from Marcho Farms/Franconia Café. The online auction contains many items and experiences and runs from May 10-20. Visit [www.dock.org](http://www.dock.org) for all the details.



Renewing fellowship,  
remembering God's story  
of love, and reenacting the  
Lord's Supper provided  
impulse and reward for  
forty fine folks gathered in  
the Friendship Room at  
Souderton Mennonite  
Homes Wednesday, May 1.  
Scripture, song, story and  
symbols of bread and juice  
served the invitation to  
come and taste the  
goodness of God.  
Your Pastoral Care Team

