

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green

THE SPIRE

May 2017

Dear Friends in Christ:

The invitation below speaks for itself! The Service of Installation on May 7 will provide us the opportunity to renew our commitment to one another as pastor and congregation. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians will be our theme:

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, [God] may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. (Ephesians 3:16-17)

I look forward to celebrating with you on May 7 so that we can get right back to work together on May 8. With deep roots in the biblical faith, let us grow toward the light and branch out in abundance.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Ruth L. Boling, Pastor



BLOOMFIELD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH ON THE GREEN

**The Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green
and the Presbytery of Newark**

cordially invite you to the

*Service of Installation
of
The Rev. Ruth L. Boling*

Sunday, May 7, 2017, 10:45AM, in the Chapel

147 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey

973-743-1796

(entrance across from Bloomfield High School)

MAY WORSHIP AT A GLANCE

On the Sundays leading up to Confirmation Sunday (June 4), Pastor Boling will preach on “Questions of Faith” that are of special interest to the members of the Confirmation Class.

May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service of Installation of the Rev.
Ruth L. Boling
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Rev. Dr. Barbara Smith, Guest
Preacher

May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sermon: “Can I be a Christian
without going to church?”
Children’s Choir, Installation of
Church Officers

May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Elder Allegra Hoots, Guest Preacher

May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sermon: “If there is only one God,
why are there so many different
religions?”

MAY WORSHIP NOTES

*“O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” Psalm 95:1*

Springtime has bloomed with all its glory. The songs of birds fill the air. We are humbled as we stand in awe before these wondrous works. Come celebrate these gifts of love so generously given to us by our Creator God. We have four opportunities to gather as a worshiping community in May. All are welcome to join us in the Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday as we lift our voices in prayer and song, praise and thanks to our God.

*“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High.” Psalm 9:1*

MAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Church World Service Blankets - Providing Comfort in Times of Crisis

What difference can a blanket make?

A blanket can provide warmth to a victim of a flood or fire or serve as bedding to a guest in a homeless shelter or be a gift of welcome to a newly arrived refugee or migrant worker. For only \$10, you can give a blanket that can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God’s people may need care.

Like a mother, blankets can bring a warm hug to those who need it most. Won’t you consider honoring your mother this Mother’s Day with your donation to this year’s Blankets offering?

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover them with favor as with a shield.”

Psalm 5:11-12 (NRSV)

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Notes from Session meetings in March. . .

Buildings and Grounds Team:

1. An insurance adjuster looked at damage from a basement pipe leak. "Freeze-dry" experts, recommended by the insurance company, will be coming to give advice on what can be done with books and records severely damaged by the water leak.
2. The team continues to work on recent telephone and internet service issues.

Education Team:

1. Foodapalooza was a great adventure for children, youth and adult leaders with time spent reading Bible stories about God's provision of food for His people, singing graces, learning about the work of the Food Pantry, and preparing their own lunch.

Treasurer's Report:

1. \$15,000 withdrawn from endowments to cover operating expenses - \$10,000 less than was withdrawn from the account at the same time last year.
2. \$5,000 withdrawn from the Bopp Account to offset the insurance bill - \$35,000 less than was withdrawn from the account at the same time last year.

Session Officers:

1. Elected Ethelyn Fulton as Clerk of Session, Scott Maciag as President of the Corporation and Diann Cornell as Church Treasurer.

The Future:

1. A great deal of time has been given to prayer and discussion about our future as we struggle with this question - How can we best meet the needs of this congregation and our community given our reduced resources in both finances and people?
2. We ask for your prayers and your patience as we strive to do the work to which you have called us.

Questions or Concerns for Session?

Drop a note in the Clerk's mailbox in the Church Office or see me after Sunday worship. I will be happy to listen and to answer your questions or direct you those who can.

Respectfully, Ethelyn L. Fulton, Clerk of Session

BIBLE PA-ZOO-LA

Attention parents of children and youth! The next special event for our children and youth (and parents!!) is on Sunday, June 11, beginning after worship. We will start with lunch, learn about the story of Noah and his ark, and then car pool to Turtle Back Zoo. This event is for children and youth of all ages. Parents are needed to drive and act as chaperones. The cost is \$5 per person. Permission slips will be required. If you are interested, please RSVP to the Church Office (973) 743-1796 by Thursday, June 1. Speak with Glenn Maciag or Pastor Ruth for more information.

PASTOR BOLING ON STUDY LEAVE

Pastor Boling will be away on Study Leave May 16-22. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call the Church Office, or Ethelyn Fulton (Clerk of Session) or Janice Fulton (Moderator, Board of Deacons). Elder Allegra Hoots will be our guest preacher on Sunday, May 21.

BOOK GROUP

Our next book group meeting will be on Monday, May 8. We meet on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the education building. During this year we are discussing James Boice's book "Whatever Happened to the Gospel of Grace?: Rediscovering the Doctrines That Shook the World" On May 8 we will be discussing chapter 8 "Reforming our Worship". For more information or to get your own copy of the book, please contact Glenn Maciag

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

The Sunday morning adult education series continues on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:30. The Pearl of Christian Comfort is a short (85 page) book by Petrus Dathenus (1531 or 1532-1588) an early Dutch reformer sometimes called "The John Knox of the Netherlands." The Pearl of Christian Comfort was written in the form of a dialogue between Dathenus and a younger Christian to provide spiritual comfort and assurance to struggling Christians. Translated into English in the 1990's, the English is modern and readable. Interested? It's not too late to join us! Want to get a copy of the book? Please talk to Glenn Maciag.

THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

To:	Our Church Family
From:	Charlotte Cade, Ethelyn Fulton, Eve Space
About:	Our Church Family prayer journey
Purpose:	To develop the discipline of prayer To build relationships centered and focused on prayer To pray in one accord with all who are part of our church family
Who:	Individuals or Prayer Triplets
What:	Read and discuss scripture texts, pray
Where:	Any place that is comfortable for you
When:	Any time that is workable and comfortable for you
May Theme:	Responding to the Resurrection as it calls us to new life, witness and service in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Scripture Texts:	John 17:1-11 John 20:19-31 Acts 2:14, 36-47 I Peter 1:3-9 I Peter 2:1-10 Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* I Thessalonians 5:16-18

PRAYERS

Please pray for our elderly and homebound church members and for the following persons for whom special prayers have been requested: Joan Fleming, Michael Lewis Jr., Eve & Tom Space and family, Kalu family, Laura Boger, Joan Campbell, Joan Duncan, Hernandez family, Ellen Smith, Lois Erickson, Helen LeDoux, Joel Birjah, Joseph Campbell, Frank Truncali, Indira Bissoondath, Doris Murray, Arlett Family, Candy Antoine

Deacons 1st Quarter Report

We want to keep the congregation informed of what the Deacons are doing for our church family. Each quarter we will update you in the monthly Spire. This report is a summary of our activities from January through March 2017.

Contacts with our Church Family (total = 45)

- † Home Communion Visits with Pastor Ruth (2)
- † Home Visits (18)
- † Hospital and Rehab Visits (17)
- † Phone Call Follow Up (8)

We delivered the Sunday Worship Flowers to our shut-ins, those in the hospital, those experiencing difficult times and those celebrating special occasions.

We prepared and cleaned up the Communion on the first Sunday of each month and on Ash Wednesday.

We provided financial assistance to one individual in our church family to cover medical bills.

We voted to send Large Print Upper Rooms to those on our Visitation List, with the cost of the mailings covered by the Deacons Fund.

We began sponsoring a Social Worker (Sonia Mulero) for Feed the World on a quarterly basis. Sonia came in January and plans to come again in May.

We covered the cost of replacing the defibrillator battery and pads, all of which had expired.

We voted to cover the registration fee for Janice Fulton to attend a 32 hour Faith Community Nurse program (previously known as Parish Nursing).

A THANK YOU FROM THE DEACONS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Deacons Fund, the Deacons Flower Fund, and the work of the Deacons in 2017. Our congregation continues to demonstrate Christ's love by helping others. Your donation may help someone with an emergency need or may bring a smile to a shut-in or someone in the hospital when we deliver flowers after Sunday worship. Please know that you have made a difference.

If you have any questions concerning the work of the Deacons or would like to help us with our ministry, please contact Janice Fulton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1...	Janis Sledge	16..	Tron James	24..	Margaret Gritman
2...	Bruce Turnbull	18..	Charlotte Cade		Mala Maharaj
10...	Bruce Arlett, Jr.	20..	Ellen Smith	27..	Dale Maciag
	Janice Fulton	22..	Desmond Wedderburn	31..	Nora Watson



Easter Lilies Given In Memory or In Honor Of

Stephen Bastedo	In memory of Frank Bastedo
Stephen Bastedo	In memory of Jennifer Bastedo
Stephen Bastedo	In memory of Rose Bastedo
Rev. Ruth Boling and Dr. Carlos Monteagudo	In memory of Dr. & Mrs. Robert & Jean Boling and Iluminado & Gilda Monteagudo
John Bolland	In memory of my parents: John & Ethel Bolland and my sister: Margaret
John Bonnet	In memory of Marge Bonnet
John Bonnet	In memory of Ruth Soper, Agnes Turnbull, Judy Mead and Betty Beyer
Don and Diann Cornell	In honor of our children: Steven, Brian, Justin, Emily and Kathleen, as well as our soon to be grandchild
Ethelyn and Janice Fulton	In honor of Ellen Smith, a charter member and our oldest living member
Ethelyn and Janice Fulton	In memory of Ruth Soper and Ofelia Hernandez
Elizabeth Hemminger	In memory of Dugold and Elizabeth McGilvray
Elizabeth Hemminger	In memory of Rev. Dr. Arthur and Ada Bean
Elizabeth Hemminger	In memory of Ernst and Elsie Hemminger
Elizabeth Hemminger	In memory of Ole and Beatrice Eidsvaag
Elizabeth Hemminger	In memory of Charlie Sasso
Eloy Hernandez	In memory of Ofelia C. Hernandez
Jordan, Olivia, Tyler and Matthew	In memory of their beautiful Grandma Ofelia C. Hernandez
Children of Ofelia Hernandez	In memory of our beloved mother who is always in our hearts

Maira Hernandez-Kinloch	In honor of Ruth Boling and my parents' church family
Joan Ingram	In memory of my many friends at the Church on the Green
Mathew & Jennifer Kohlen	In honor of Catherine Kohlen
Debbie and Helen LeDoux	In memory of George and Mabel Hutchinson
Debbie and Helen LeDoux	In memory of Frances Lightbody and George E. Hutchinson
Debbie and Helen LeDoux	In memory of Roland LeDoux
Debbie and Helen LeDoux	In memory of Philip LeDoux
Glenn Maciag	In memory of Charlotte Fulton and Ed Stewart
Glenn Maciag	In memory of Barbara Thal and Olive Logan
Glenn Maciag	In memory of Ofelia Hernandez
Glenn Maciag	In memory of family members
Glenn Maciag	In honor of Rebecca and Eric
The Maciag Family	In memory of our family members
The Maciag Family	In memory of Otto Groel, Charlotte Fulton, Olive Logan and Barbara Thal
The Maciag Family	In honor of Pastor Ruth for her leadership to our congregation
Mala Maharaj	In memory of my parents: Harry and Basmath Ramkelawan
Beverly Monahan	In memory of loved ones
Linda Rosania	In memory of Barbara Thal
Judy and Ron Skorupski	In honor of our grandchildren: Grace, Ryan, Amanda and Jillian
Barbara and Bruce Turnbull	In memory of our Parents: Marion and & Bill Devonald and Betty & Bob Turnbull
Barbara and Bruce Turnbull	In loving honor of our children: Bruce, Susan, Stuart, and Peter, and our grandchildren: Stephanie, Drew, Abigail, Cory and Jordan
Van Tassel Funeral Home	In memory of Norma Corona
Van Tassel Funeral Home	In memory of Ofelia Hernandez
Van Tassel Funeral Home	In memory of Richard & Ruth Soper
Women's Fellowship	In honor of all women in the church

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Greetings to All!

It's May--probably the most beautiful month of the year! As the flowers begin to bloom, the trees leaf out, and the weather turns warmer, our spirits too begin to waken anew. We cannot keep ourselves from rejoicing in the beauty and wonder all around us. May we welcome each morning with our hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings we receive each day!

Special Offering for May:

In May we receive our special offering in support of Church World Service's Blankets program. Please give as generously as you can to help comfort our neighbors here in the US and around the world in times of crisis.

Presbyterian Women Synod of the Northeast Triennial Gathering:

Most of you have received a Registration booklet for this Summer's Synod Triennial Gathering in Albany, NY August 18-19, 2017. The Theme this year is "Household of Faith". If you haven't received your very own booklet, please contact Nancy Edmond (or Eve Space).

Registration is now open and if you are interested in attending, please let us know so we can work on matching roommates and coordinating travel arrangements.

If you are in need of financial assistance please let us know by June 1, 2017 so we can advise our Scholarship Committee and they can determine the amount of scholarships based on the number of attendees.

These gatherings are so rejuvenating, re-energizing, and refreshing! You won't understand it until you attend, so please consider this a personal invitation to join us for the Gathering--you won't be disappointed.

Wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day!

Nancy Edmond

1 Peter 4:8 "Above all, love each other deeply..."

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:15 Women's Fellowship Coordinating Team (Parlor)	3 Food Pantry Thrift Shop 7:30 Finance Team (Parlor) 7:30 Lenape Trails (Library) 7:30 Spanish Church (Parish House)	4 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	6 Thrift Shop Yoga
7 9:30 – Confirmation Class (Library) 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:00 Prayer Group (History Room) 10:45 Service of Installation of the Rev. Ruth Boling and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper AA MOVES TO THE CHAPEL	8 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Mission & Evangelism (Parlor) 7:30 Book Group (History Room)	9	10 Food Pantry Thrift Shop 7:30 Spanish Church (Parish House)	11 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	13 Thrift Shop Yoga
14 Mother's Day 9:30 – Confirmation Class (Library) 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:00 Prayer Group (History Room) 10:45 Worship Service with Ordination and Installation of New Officers	15 5:00 Feed the World	16	17 Food Pantry Thrift Shop 7:30 Spanish Church (Parish House)	18 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	19 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	20 Thrift Shop Yoga
21 9:30 – Confirmation Class (Library) 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:00 Prayer Group (History Room) 10:45 Worship Service Noon – Deacon's Meeting (Parlor) Session Reports Due SPIRE Articles Due	22 6:30 Cub Scouts	23 Noon - Naomi Circle Parish House	24 Food Pantry Thrift Shop 7:30 Spanish Church (Parish House)	25 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	26 Food Pantry Thrift Shop	27 Thrift Shop Food Pantry Yoga
28 9:30 – Confirmation Class (Library) 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:00 Prayer Group (History Room) 10:45 Worship Service	29 Memorial Day Church office is closed	30	31 Food Pantry Thrift Shop 10:00 SPIRE Team 7:00pm Session (Parlor) 7:30 Spanish Church (Parish House)	AA and NA meet in the Parish House unless otherwise noted AA meets: Sunday at 2:00 pm Tuesday at 8:00 pm Thursday at 8:00 pm NA meets: Thursday at 7:30 pm Cub Scouts meet in the Parish House		

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Worship : Sunday 10:45am

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am – 1pm

Thrift Shop: Wednesday and Friday, 10:00am - 2:30pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm

Food Pantry: Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 -11am, 4th Saturday 10:00-noon

TRUSTING GOD AND MINISTERING TO ALL PEOPLE AS CHRIST TEACHES US IN THE GOSPEL