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Please join us on Zoom at 11:30 am Sunday for a discussion.

Interested in helping out? We need you!

Helping roles include set up/clean up, ushering, greeting, refreshments, acting and lay reading. Contact Nina at nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org.

Please note: This service is livestreamed and recorded. You and your family may be on camera, and your comments will be part of the livestream and recording.

Musicians: Graham Bier, Pam Henderson, Catie Junge, Shawn Rose

Video: Gareth Messman

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.... And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 2:40, 52

And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men.

1 Samuel 2:26

But, my friend, (1) abstain from evil, and (2) do what is good, and (3) believe in the Lord with your whole heart and your whole soul; and the Lord will love you and give you love for what you do and faith in what you believe. Then you will do what is good because of love and you will believe because you have faith, which is confidence. And if you persevere like this, a reciprocal partnership [with the Lord] will develop and become permanent. This is salvation itself and eternal life. If we did not use the powers that have been granted to us to do what is good, and we did not use our minds to believe in the Lord, what would we be except a wasteland or a desert, like ground that is so utterly dry that it repels rather than absorbs rain?

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We do not pass a collection basket during the service. Offertory bowls are located at the entrance for donations to support our church and the useful activities it serves. Donate online at www.brynathynchurch.org or scan the QR code:

Announcements

Mom's Enrichment Evening: January 22, 7:00-9:00 pm

The topic for the evening is books for families, presented by Taryn and Nicole Frazier. Moms of all ages are welcome. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Nina at **Nina.Dewees@brynathynchurch.org** or 215-947-6225 x206.

Moms Morning Journey Series: Thursday, January 23, 10:00-11:30 am Join other moms and tots for a "Journey" series based on a spiritual growth-type book. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Nina at Nina.Dewees@brynathynchurch.org or 215-947-6225 x206.

Dads Group: January 23, 7:30-9:00 pm (Church Office)

This month's topic "David Story – Who Will Be King?" is a rich and fascinating story with big victories and big failures. Fathers of all ages are welcome. Bring your Bible if you have one and/or read 1 Samuel 16-17 beforehand. For more info, visit www.brynathynchurch.org/dads.

Swedenborg Birthday Community Supper January 31, 5:30 pm (Heilman Hall)

Guest speaker is Rev. Chris Barber. All are welcome to bring their own supper or order a boxed meal (details to be determined). For more info, visit www.brynathynchurch.org/communitysupper.

Care Packages for College-Aged Young Adults

Ways to help with the care packages:

- Bake homemade cookies (we need a total of 100 dozen).
- Donate a small item (60-80 of them) to enhance the care packages.
- Donate money toward shipping costs.

For questions, contact Nina at Nina.Dewees@BrynAthynChurch.org.

2025 Marriage Conference: February 8, 2025

For more information or to register, visit

www.brynathynchurch.org/marriage.

Early registration discount through January 22.

Community Calendar: www.brynathynchurch.org/calendar

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Spiritual Strength

Rt. Rev. Peter M. Buss, Jr.
Informal Family Service
January 19, 2025