

# Bower Hill Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA)

*A place to Believe, Belong and Become!*

October 2005

## Stepping Up to the Plate!

On Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School began again here at Bower Hill and our teachers arrived in their newly organized rooms greeted by a small plate of homemade chocolate chip cookies with the words: "Thanks for stepping up to the plate!" written on the plate. I have been thinking a great deal about the idea of stepping up to the plate and I have been amazed at how many opportunities there are within this church to "step up to the plate!" It seems that the church is constant in its need for people to "step up to the plate" and by giving of their time, talent and treasure. This month alone, people have "stepped up to the plate," and given their time and talent by: helping to organize and decorate class rooms; volunteering to teach, and tell stories, and lead worship; helping to fold bulletins; counting money; greeting, hosting coffee hour and ushering. In addition to all these gifts, treasure has been given to help victims of Hurricane Katrina as donations were given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and other agencies and care kits continue to be assembled! It is overwhelming to consider the generosity of our congregation and your willingness to "step up to the plate!"

In October, the need to "step up to the plate," goes on, as the work of the church and the needs of the world increase. There are opportunities, large and small to "step up to the plate," this month. As the needs of the hurricane victims continue, there will be opportunities to give and serve both here in Pittsburgh and in the areas hurt by the hurricane as well. The Mission Committee has funds available from the Margaret McKee Fund to help fund trips for anyone who feels called to travel to those areas hit by the hurricanes to help out.

In October, the session will begin to turn its attention to dreaming dreams and making plans for 2006 and the new budget will be developed. All of us will have the opportunity to begin to dream about what 2006 might hold for Bower Hill and we will be given the privilege of "stepping up to the plate," and helping God to do great things here at Bower Hill by making a pledge to support the ministry of the church.

Also in October, the children and youth will join the Contemporary Service on the first Sunday of the month and all who attend will be given the opportunity to, "step up to the plate," as we do things a little differently to include the kids. In addition to this, the preschool-3<sup>rd</sup> graders will begin a new mission program to support UNICEF. The program will help them increase in Knowledge—the first value we learned about— by reading books. Family and friends are encouraged to sponsor the kids reading effort by making a pledge to donate a certain dollar amount per book that is read in October and November. The entire congregation is encouraged to "step up to the plate," and sponsor one or all of our children. There will be more information on this new program in the bulletin.

You will also see other opportunities to "step up to the plate" in this newsletter. There is much work for all of us to do as we love and serve God. Let us "step up to the plate" together and with God's help we will be able to accomplish great things.

**Rev. Laurie Sponaugle**

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# Church News

## 2005 Peacemaking Offering

This offering supports the peacemaking ministries of congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly. The day recommended to receive the offering is World Communion Sunday, October 2nd. Please give generously to this effort this year; an envelope is provided in this newsletter. Thank you!



## Prayer Chain

The Deacons are organizing an e-mail prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of this prayer chain, please send your e-mail address to Kathy Philson at [KathyGRB@aol.com](mailto:KathyGRB@aol.com).

## E-mail Prayer Chain



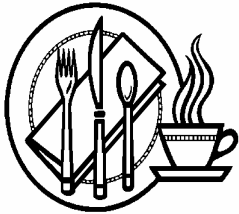
## Do We Have Your Email Address?

The following is a list of the last names of those we have an email address for; please let us know if your name does not appear here and you would like to be included in our database for church-wide mailings. Thank-you!

Andrews, Adam	Foltz, Ruth	Junker, Alex	Mangin, Steve	Philson, Laura	Swed, Carol
Andrews, Bill	Freas Jr., George	Junker, Katharine	Mangold, Sue	Prine, Betsy	Szyslowski, James
Andrews, Nancy	Frock, Mary Lou	Junker, Richard	Maniet, Matt	Prine, Jr., Chuck	Szyslowski, Linda
Baumhammers, Andrejs	Frock, Paul	Karafinski, Debby	Maniet, Pamela	Reisinger, Jay	Theilacker, John
Baumhammers, Inese	Geis Sr., Dennis	Kerner, Kurt	May, Connie	Reitz, Jessica	Waine, Mary Beth
Boisvert, Debbie	Geis, Nancy	Ketchum, Chan	May, Dave	Reitz, Ryan	Westerhoff,
Boisvert, Steve	Gissin, Cynthia	Ketchum, Kirk	Mazzini, Wendy	Richardson, Cheryl	Carolyn
Bridges, Bob	Good, Adam	Ketchum, Louise	McAnulty Jr., Jim	Gross	Westerhoff, Dick
Bridges, Joan	Good, Catherine	Ketchum, Mary	McAnulty, Joan	Richardson, Gary	Williams, Donna
Brown, Barbara	Good, Mary	Kohman, Jane	McKee, Margaret	Ridgeway, Meagan	Wohleber, Lynne
Burke, Bev	Green, Dave	Kohman, Truman	Miewald, Jean	Rising, Jason	Yohe, Phyllis
Burke, Jim	Green, Nancy	Lamb, Bev	Mitchell, Anne	Rising, Kirsten	Zabo, Dan
Cadwell, Bill	Helbling, Nina	Lamb, Don	Mitchell, Gordon	Ruh, Bette	Zabo, Margaret
Child, Glenn	Henney,	Laufer, Chuck	Moore, Duane	Ruh, Ed	Zakor, Joan
Child, Sally	Christine	Lease, Darendra	Noland, Anne	Ruprecht, Ashley	
Child, Theresa	Henney, Ill, Ray	Lease, Tim	Noonan, Velma	Schofield Jr., Richard	
Decker, Jane	Hohlfelder, Alan	Leeson, Diane	Olinger, Doris	Schofield, Lori	
Delestienne, Judy	Hohlfelder, Ben	Linaburg, Judith	Olinger, Scott	Seifert, Debbie	
Dunfee, Matthew	Hohlfelder, Betsy	Linaburg, Ronald	Orner, Betsy	Shnorhokian, Ivan	
Ewing, Betty	Hohlfelder, Erin	Litten, Jan	Patrick, Michelle	Snead, Andrew	
Fenton, Pete	Holdsworth, Ben	Magdsick,	Philson, Curt	Snead, Ashleigh	
Ferrero, Bob	Holdsworth,	Rhonda	Philson, Emily	Snead, Julia	
Ferrero, Lee	Jackie	Magdsick, Steve	Philson, Kathy	Starr, Mimi	
Fetterman, Kenn	Jacobs Jr., Rick	Mancini, Betty	Philson, Katie	Stewart, Andrew	
Foltz, Lynn	Jacobs, Pat	Mangin, Michelle		Stewart, Theresa	

# Education and Nurture

## The Bower Hillers



The Bower Hillers will meet at noon on October 26th, 2005. This month's host will be Jean Grabow, who can be reached at 412-343-4396.

Please mark your calendars.

More details will follow in the mail.

## Bookworms

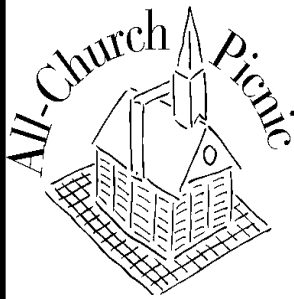
Please join us for an interesting evening; new faces are always welcome!



**October 18th**—*Eventide*, by Kent Haruf, at the home of Margaret Zabo.

**November 15th**—*The Book Seller of Kabal*, by Anne Seierstad, TBA.

## Church Picnic—Diane Leeson



The Community Building Committee Committee is sponsoring a church picnic to be held at Bower Hill Community Church on Sunday, October 9th—rain or shine! Bring yourself, your family and invite a friend! There will be a “good faith” potluck at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a picnic item of your choice (baked beans, potato or macaroni salad, Jell-O salad, watermelon, brownies...). Community Building will provide the hot dogs, buns, condiments, utensils and beverages. Anyone not wanting a hot dog is welcome to bring his or her own meat to grill. Tables will be set up, but please feel free to bring a picnic blanket to spread out on the lawn.

Come early to play games such as volleyball, softball and Bocce. Games will be set up beginning at 3:00. Activities for preschoolers and school-aged children will also be available, along with board games. So there will be something for everyone!

If you are interested in helping with the picnic, please contact Diane Leeson, Lynne Wohleber, or Joan Zakor. The committee is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.

## Adult Education For October

### Adult Education Class

#### **\*Life and Death Issues—Capital Punishment\***

**October 2nd**—A speaker from the Anti-Capital Punishment Group.

**October 9th**—Why the Death Penalty should be a part of the legal system, with Steven Zapalla, Allegheny County District Attorney.

#### **\*Life and Death Issues—End of Life\***

**October 16th**—Karen Rose, Vice-President of Operations for Family Hospice and Palliative Care.

**October 23rd**—Dr. Brian Scarnecchia, Franciscan University of Steubenville

#### **\*Environmental Stewardship\***

**October 30th**—Rick Jacobs speaking about the book *Devastation and Renewal: An Environmental History of Pittsburgh and its Region (History of the Urban Environment)* by Joel Karr, Professor of Environmental History at CMU.

# On a Mission

## Hurricane Katrina Collection

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we are providing an opportunity for you to be a blessing to others. We are asking that you prayerfully commit to help us gather kits for those in need. We are asking that you offer others things that they need to be survivors in the wake of this storm.

Through the efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park is serving as a collection point for the gathering of kits which they will transport to needy areas in the south. We have prepared a Giving Tree so that you may give gifts of Flood Buckets, Layette Kits, Sewing Kits, Health Kits, School Kits, or Bulk Items. Help us fill the needs of

children and adults who have been devastated by the storm which has taken so much away from them. As one child said, "All I want is... a toothbrush, some pencils and a baby blanket."

We are asking each family to help us provide for the needs of others. The cost of the kits vary from \$50.00 to \$11.00 and we are asking that the items that are donated be new and in the original packaging if at all possible. The three most popular kits are the following:

### Layette Kits: Cost per Kit \$35.00    Health Kit: Cost per Kit \$11.00

6 cloth diapers	1 hand towel (up to 17" x 27")
2 baby washcloths	1 washcloth
2 diaper pins	1 set of fingernail clippers
2 receiving blankets	1 toothbrush and 1 large tube of toothpaste
2 shirts or 2 one piece body suits	1 large comb
2 gowns or sleepers	1 large bar of soap
1 sweater (opening in the front)	6 adhesive plastic sterile bandages (BandAids*)
(Wrap items in blankets and secure with pins)	(Place in a 1 gallon plastic ziplock bag)

### School Kit: Cost per Kit \$12.00

1 pair of children's scissors	2 pads of paper (8 1/2 x 11")
one 30 centimeter ruler	6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
one 2 1/2 inch eraser	12 sheets of colored construction paper
1 box of 24 crayons	



If you have any questions, see member Dave Hicks or any member of the Mission Committee; Mike Tidd (Youth Director), or Leonard or Laurie.

## Wallace Memorial Food Pantry

The food pantry appreciates your donations during the month of OCTOBER.

**Donations will be collected on the second Sunday in October (9th).** Please contact Jason Rising at 412-851-1503, jaydr@adelphia.net, for more information. As always, your support is greatly appreciated! —Jason Rising



# Worship News

## Greeters

October 2—Decker, Delestienne, Eisenbeis  
 October 9—Ewing, Foltz, Freas  
 October 16—Fenton, Frock, Good  
 October 23—Green, Grabow, Hughes  
 October 30—Henney, Hicks, Hohlfelder

## Coffee Hour

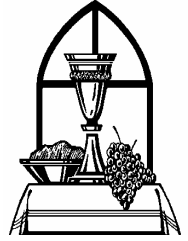
October 2—Glenn & Sally Child  
 October 9—Steve & Debbie Boisvert  
 October 16—Joann Vosburgh  
 October 23—Jim & Bev Burke  
 October 30—Carolyn Phillippe and Diane Leeson



## Communion Servers for November

The following people are scheduled to serve communion on **Sunday, November 6, 2005**. If you are not able to attend church on November 6th, please arrange for a substitute.

Dave & Nancy Green  
 Tim Lease  
 Ron Linaburg  
 Jim & Joan McAnulty  
 Richard Rothrock  
 Marge Sewall  
 Choir: Rick & Pat Jacobs



## Preaching Schedule

October 2nd-World Communion Sunday  
 Peacemaking Offering will be collected

9:00 am	10:15 am
“Determination-Finish the Race”	1Corinthians 16
The struggles of Paul	The Power of It!

*Children & Youth attend worship  
 With their families*

October 9th  
 Matthew 22:1-14

October 16th  
 Matthew 22:34-46

October 23rd-Stewardship Sunday  
 Rev. Leonard will preach at both services

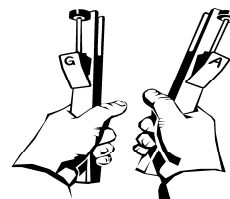
October 30th-Stewardship Sunday  
 Rev. Laurie will preach at both services



## Kid's Own Worship

**October 2nd**--Michelle Patrick  
**October 9th**—Diane Leeson  
**October 16th**—Kathy Philson  
**October 23rd**—Carolyn Westerhoff  
**October 30th**—Carolyn Westerhoff

## King's Kids Clappers



Children in 2nd through 5th grade are invited to join the King's Kids Clappers. The KKC will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 **Handchimes** PM in the Choir room to learn how to play hand chimes. Beginning on September 21st, KKC will come together for a snack and then they will experience the joy of learning to play hand chimes. Anyone who is interested in joining the KKC should call David at the church, 412-561-4114, to sign up.

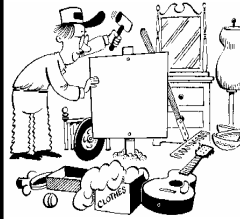
# News and Events

## The Global Poverty Gap

This is a four-part series, co-sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Public Library and World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. It will explore poverty and social situations, local poverty, natural disasters and poverty, and military causes and intervention. The series includes lectures, films, art, and discussion. The October 19th meeting will be held in the Children's Story Room; the other three will be held in a downstairs meeting room. Time: 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays: October 19th, 26th, November 2nd and 9th.



## Flea Market '05—Jean Grabow



Yes, we will have a flea market on November 19th, 2005! Collections began on July 15, 2005 and will end on October 15th. No books, computers or clothes.

Last year's money went to the Senior High Trip and remodeling the ladies room. Please participate in this event!

## Women's Retreat

Bower Hill Community Church will be having a Women's Retreat this fall at Camp Crestfield on October 28-29th. We are hoping that a one-night retreat might make it easier for women to attend who have trouble getting away for an entire weekend. Please save the date and plan to join us for a fun and rewarding time of fellowship. This year, our special speaker will be Beth Merry, who recently returned from a year-long mission opportunity in Malawi. Beth chronicled her experiences in a series of journal entries that can be read on the Pittsburgh Presbytery website. Please see the application included in this newsletter for more information about the optional plans you may choose from if you decide to attend. We are looking forward to seeing new faces this year; please join us for a rewarding and informative experience!



## Bower Hill Online—Glenn Child

The Evangelism and Membership Committee is working on a longer term solution for improving and making the website easier to maintain. This will allow us to add more functionality and make updates in a timely manner. As a temporary solution, we have added an appendix to the current website. This appendix includes the following:



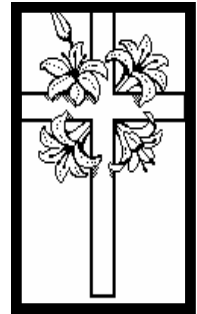
Section Name	Sub-Section	Description of Contents
Ministries	Spiritual Growth, Mission, Session, Deacons, Music, Fellowship, Worship, Community Outreach	Contains information similar to that in the Opportunities to Believe, Belong and Become Booklet. Includes detail about ministries and list of members of committees
God Sightings		Inspiring stories of our members
Youth Group Forms		Youth forms in pdf format such as permission form, authorization for medical treatment form
Newsletters		Monthly newsletters in pdf format

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# Care List

## *MEMBERS AT HOME:*

Lois Conley, 1150 Bower Hill Rd, 1116A, Pittsburgh, PA 15243  
Matt Dunfee, 966 Worthington Woods Blvd, Worthington, OH, 43085  
Kenn Fetterman, 2236 Kingridge Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Barbara Love, 360 Jefferson Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
Jim Redmond, 101 Manor View Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
Verna Rose, c/o Gretchen Rose, 134 Grove Avenue, Woodridge, NJ 07095  
Loretta Schweinbratten, 2960 Bethel Church Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15102  
Morris Standfest, 921 Old Hickory Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15243



## *MEMBERS IN CARING FACILITIES:*

Bette Carson, Masonic Home, One Masonic Dr, Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
Raymond & Peggy Craig, Asbury Villas, 730 Bower Hill Rd, #110 Pittsburgh, PA 15243  
Catheryn Deemer, Broadmore Assisted Living #205, 3275 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017  
Bob Gavett, Asbury Heights, 700 Bower Hill Rd., #6423, 15243  
Bill Nuernberg, Friendship Village #123W, 1290 Boyce Rd, Upper St. Clair, 15241  
Mildred Redmond, Kane Hospital #464, 300 Kane Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15243  
Tooie Sharkey, Asbury Heights, 700 Bower Hill Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15243  
Audrey Weber, Windsor Place, One Windsor Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

# Elders & Deacons

Administration & Personnel: Chairperson—Pat Jacobs; Woody Hughes  
Buildings & Grounds: Chairperson—Ral Warnock; Don Lamb  
Christian Education: Chairperson—Pam Maniet; Dan Zabo  
Community Building: Chairperson—Diane Leeson; Lynne Wohleber  
Evangelism & Membership: Chairperson—Glenn Child; Betty Ewing  
Finance & Stewardship: Chairperson—Kurt Kerner; Dick Junker, Jason Rising  
Mission: Chairperson—Dave Hicks; Jackie Holdsworth  
Nominating & Presbytery: Chairperson—Tim Lease; Margie Sewall  
Music & Worship: Chairperson—Anne Mitchell; Steve Mangin  
Youth Ministries: Chairperson—Curt Philson; Christine Henney

### **Deacons Class of 2006**

Barbara Brown  
LuAnne McNickle  
Lee Ferrero  
Joann Vosburgh  
Donna Williams

### **Deacons Class of 2007**

Bob Bridges  
Nancy Green  
Nora Shnorhokian  
Dave Stewart  
Cindy Waller

### **Deacons Class of 2008**

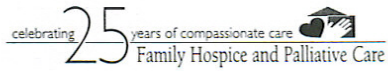
Marian Brannan  
Betty Chidlow  
Barbara Hughes  
Kathy Philson  
Carolyn Westerhoff



Family Hospice and Palliative Care  
cordially invites you  
to the groundbreaking ceremony for  
The Center for Compassionate Care  
50 Moffett Street, Mt. Lebanon

Friday the Seventh of October  
Two Thousand and Five  
Ten o'clock in the morning

RSVP 412-572-8800



### OUR CHURCH STAFF

*David Daugherty, Director of Music Ministries*

*Jim Kline, Custodian*

*Dianne Scott, Financial Secretary*

*Rev Laurie Sponaugle, Co-Pastor*

*Rev Leonard Sponaugle, Co-Pastor*

*Yara Toury-Vanzin, Administrative Secretary*

*Mike Tidd, Director of Youth Ministries*

### THE CHURCH OFFICE

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Monday - Friday

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