



BOWER HILL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2008

Come and continue to enrich your spiritual journey by feeding your spirit and growing in faith! This year Bower Hill will provide educational opportunities for children and youth using an innovative curriculum called Seasons of the Spirit. Every Sunday children and youth will explore the same lesson that is used as the centerpiece and guiding theme of worship. In an effort to encourage the whole family of God to be a part of worship, children in preschool through fifth grade begin their Sunday experience by joining the family of faith in worship and then proceed to class after the children's message. Youth classes will be held after worship and will provide worshippers with an opportunity to actively respond to the worship experience.

Classes and worship are modeled after the same four movements:



**GATHERING:
A TIME OF WELCOME, SONG AND PRAYER;**

**ENGAGING:
A TIME OF IN DEPTH EXPLORING OF THE DAILY
SCRIPTURE AND ITS CONNECTION TO OUR LIVES;**



**RESPONDING:
AN ACTIVE TIME OF HANDS ON LEARNING
AND PERSONAL REFLECTION;**



**AND BLESSING;
A TIME FOR REVIEWING AND SENDING
WITH A PRAYER AND BLESSING.**

As a supplement to the educational experience, elementary students are encouraged to participate in an at home family devotional experience; called *Bible Journey*, written by Elder Debby Hayes. Copies are available in the church office for any students who have not received one.

Adult Ed. will meet after worship for their regular church and society class. Please see pages 4 & 5 for more information about our upcoming Fall Program.



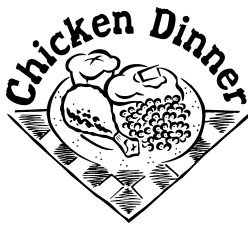
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OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES

ROTARY FUNDRAISER

Susan and Dave Hicks are selling Rotary barbeque tickets for their club's annual fundraising event. This year's BBQ will be held on Saturday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair. Westminster is located on Route 19 just south of South Hills Village Mall. You may eat in the dining room or go through our convenient drive-thru. Tickets are \$10 (if purchased before the event) or \$12 if you buy them at the door. Each dinner includes 1/2 chicken, beans, coleslaw, a roll, and a drink.



OCTOBER 18
11 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN

The Rotary Club of Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park is partnering with Bower Hill to drill water wells in Africa and support many other organizations. In addition to the water well project, the club's fundraising proceeds go to organizations such as SHIM, Southwinds, Family Hospice, The Neighborhood Academy, East Liberty Health Center, Troop Appreciation, The Early Learning Institute and much more. Rotary will also provide matching grant funds for international service projects. So your support can double! Contact Susan or Dave Hicks for tickets (412-833-7753).

SERVICE RECOGNIZED

From the Global Citizen's Quarterly, Spring 2008:

On Thursday, May 29, 2008, Global Solutions Pittsburgh hosted its 60th Annual Spring Dinner at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel. The evening began with a reception and was followed by dinner and a presentation by guest speaker Mrs. Gillian Sorenson, Senior Advisor/National Advocate at the United Nations Foundation and Former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations.

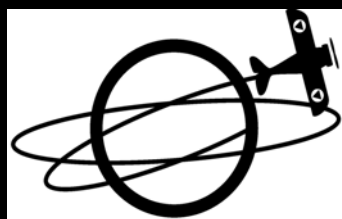


Prior to Mrs. Sorensen's speech, Global Solutions Pittsburgh took a few minutes to recognize one of our most dedicated members, Dr. Truman P. Kohman. An active member since 1960, Dr. Kohman was a professor of chemistry at the Carnegie Institute of Technology and is now professor emeritus at Carnegie Mellon University. Throughout the years, Dr. Kohman has actively supported our mission and has been a dedicated participant in the Partners Program. Global Solutions Pittsburgh was happy to recognize Dr. Kohman's commitment to the organizations and present him with an engraved pocket watch as a token of our great appreciation.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY SUPPORT OUR WOUNDED VETS

Do you have unused Frequent Flyer miles from a variety of airlines sitting around? Or are you just interested in doing something for a wounded member of our Armed Forces? Did you know that you can donate your miles to a program that will use them to unite a wounded service member with his or her family or loved ones?

Fisher House is an organization dedicated to assisting members of the United States Armed Forces and their families. Members of Bower Hill, their families, and friends can take part in a wonderful program, Hero Miles, which flies families of hospitalized service personnel who have been wounded serving our country. Fisher House pays all related costs to the program to make sure that there are no costs incurred by the recipients. Hero Miles provides airline tickets to hospitalized service



members to leave a military or VA hospital for a visit home and return (if approved by a physician) if they don't qualify for convalescent leave or other government funded travel; and if they are unable to leave the hospital, tickets are provided to their families and close friends to enable them to be at the bedside of their loved one.

Increasingly service personnel are not discharged from the service when wounded. This often results in their being far from family and loved ones. Hero Miles is a program that recognizes the burden this can put on families of service personnel and provides a solution. In three years, over 8,000 tickets have been donated.

You can participate in this wonderful program by going to <http://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/heroMilesDonate.shtml> to find your airline and how to donate your miles.

OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTES

THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY PROJECT A SUCCESS; MORE HELP NEEDED



On Thursday, August 7th, several members of our congregation spent the better part of the day painting classrooms at The Neighborhood Academy (TNA) in Bloomfield. Thanks to Anne & Gordon Mitchell, LuAnn McNickle, Laurie, Andrew & Leonard Sponaugle, and Betsy Hohlfelder for giving up their day to help others; and they painted pretty well too. TNA has been on of the recipients of our mission dollars for two years and we are delighted that we had the opportunity to do some "hands on" work there as well. TNA is a private, college preparatory high school for low income Pittsburgh youth in grades 8 through 12. 100% of its graduates have gone on to college and it is very worthy of our continued support. If you shop at Giant Eagle, you can help TNA further by registering your Giant Eagle card and earn classroom supplies for TNA. Log on at www.gianteagle.com or call 1-800-474-4777 and provide TNA's school ID#, 5244 and your Giant Eagle Advantage Card number to start earning points for the school. This program will not affect your fuel perks. Also, if you would like to use GoodSearch as you computer search engine when surfing the web, and designate TNA as the beneficiary of your search, the school will earn a penny for every search! (www.goodsearch.com). Remember that TNA is also looking for volunteers tutors. Visit their web site for more information-www.theneighborhoodacademy.com. Thanks, Dave Hicks

IMPORTANT DATES AT BHCC

BOOK WORMS

Bookworms meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM, in the home of a member, for fellowship and discussion of a chosen title. New members are always welcome!



September 16

The Boy in Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
Hostess: Betty Ewing

October 21

The Soloist by Steve Lopez
Hostess: Mary Laufer

KOINONIA RESUMES

The Wednesday morning Koinonia Bible Study group will begin meeting September 17th. This group meets from 9:00 to 10:30 Wednesdays during the school year in the Lounge. Please consider joining us for spiritual study and lively discussion! Please call if you have any questions: Kathy Philson (412)531-7539 or Darendalease (412)854-4481

NEW ADDRESS FOR SHNORHOKIAN FAMILY

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**Mark your calendar
for these upcoming
fall concerts!!**

- **Sunday, September 21, 2008 4 p.m.**

Organ Recital

Jessica M. Baier, organist

- **Sunday, October 19, 4 p.m.**

Handbells in Concert

- **Sunday, November 16, 4 p.m.**

Aeolian Winds Concert

- **Sunday, December 14, 4 p.m.**

Christmas Concert

**All Concerts to be held
at Bower Hill Community Church.**



WORSHIP INFORMATION AND VOLUNTEERS

SERMON TEXT

September 7: Exodus 12:1-14
September 14: Exodus 14:19-31
September 21: Exodus 16:2-15
September 28: Exodus 17:1-7

LECTORS

September 7th: Michael Waine
September 14 : Amanda Vosburgh
September 21: Theresa Child
September 28: Dave Green

COMMUNION SERVERS

Andy Baumhammers, D.J Geis, Jr., Dennis Geis,
Nancy Geis, Cynthia Gissin, Kate Junker, Dick Junker,
Sue Mangold

Choir: Jean Miewald, Margaret Zabo

USHERS

Jim Corbett, Lucille Heckman, Woody
Hughes, Earl Kennedy, Bill Ramsey

GREETERS

September 7th:
Steve and Debbie Boisvert, Betty Winnett

September 14:
Andy and Inese Baumhammers, Bill Cadwell

September 21:
Bob and Joan Bridges, Dorothy Philson

September 28:
Steve and Debbie Boisvert, Anne Colquitt



ADULT EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER

GLOBAL OIL ISSUES AND STRATEGIES

SEPTEMBER 7

Quest for Fire – Humans love affair with energy

Rick Jacobs

Where does energy come from?
Human origins of energy use
The Industrial Age
Globalization – Growth of demand
How much oil is there?



SEPTEMBER 14

Peak Oil and Health Practices

Bob Jacobs – Professor of Public Health, University of Louisville

How will Energy limitations impact public health risk?
Impact of peak oil on delivery of public health services
Community balance between demands for public health services and other needs
Strategies to mitigate or adapt to energy limitations

SEPTEMBER 21

Drill More, Use Less: Strategy for Energy Independence Or Wishful Thinking?

Vanessa Schweitzer - PhD candidate, Carnegie Mellon University

Oil prices – Speculation vs. demand
Conservation
Benefits and limitations
Lifestyle changes
Quest for substitutes - Alternative fuels
Biofuels, Oil shale, Coal to Liquids, Plug-in vehicles, Hydrogen
Comparison of technology and policy strategies
Presidential platforms
The Buzz among energy analysts
Energy and Environment : Two related issues or one big issue?

KICK-OFF SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH



8:45 AM

Kick-Off Breakfast

Come visit with old friends and meet some new ones as we join in fellowship.

9:30 AM

Worship and Communion

Children in preschool through grade 5 will worship until the children's message and then will proceed to their Sunday School classes.



10:30 AM

Fellowship Time

We'll gather for fellowship and coffee in the Friendship Room

10:45 AM

Education

Youth Education will begin and Children's activities will be available in the Lounge.
This will also be the start of the Adult Education program.

WORSHIP SUBMISSIONS WELCOME



Calling all prayers! Calling all writers! Calling all artists! Calling all doodlers! You're invited to share your talents by submitting prayers and artwork for the weekly bulletin.

All submissions are welcome; you don't have to be an expert...remember the beautiful pictures drawn for Advent by our elementary kids.

To make a submission:

Read the texts and topics to the right to inspire and focus your submission.



Write a call to worship or a prayer (opening; confession; or offertory) or draw a picture for the bulletin.

Submit to the office a minimum of 2 weeks before the scheduled use and be sure to include your name, the date and the text reference for your piece.

September 21: Exodus 16:2-15
Tensions in the Wilderness

September 28: Exodus 17:1-7
God's Sustaining Presence

October 5: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Wisdom for the Way

October 12: Philippians 4:1-9
Praiseworthy Living

October 19: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Living Messages

October 26: Matthew 22:34-46
The Compassionate Life

November 2: Matthew 23:1-12
Partners in Service

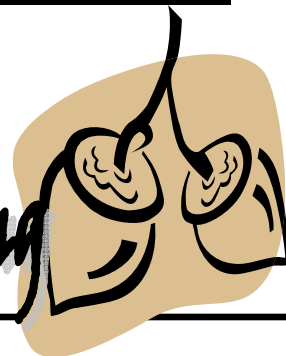
November 9: Matthew 25:1-13
Tending God's Light

November 16: Matthew 25:14-30
Extravagant Opportunity

November 23: Matthew 25:31-46
Reigning Compassion



...into our new programming



MUSIC NOTES BY JESSICA BAIER

MY CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPERIENCE



In July, I took a trip to the Poconos for the Area II Read and Ring Seminar. I was chosen to be the Betty Garee Scholarship winner, entitling me to attend this Seminar with all expenses paid. I took the Beginning Director's Track with Nancy Lutz (Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church). This course enabled me to reflect on this past year as being a first time handbell director and to use that experience as a point of growth professionally. The class also allowed me the privilege of meeting fellow beginning directors. The ability to reflect on our experiences together was exhilarating. The clinicians that I had the opportunity to meet and work with were more than helpful in answering my questions. Their ability to share new ideas and foster collaborations was one of the highlights of the seminar.

NEW WILMINGTON MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

In July, I also took a trip to Westminster college for the 103rd New Wilmington Missionary Conference (NWMC). NWMC looks to deepen the missionary spirit, seeking fulfillment of the Great Commission, with a focus on youth ages 12-25. I have been attending NWMC for most of my life, as has my whole family (my grandmother has been attending since she was 17). This year I had the opportunity to be a high school girl's counselor. I was in charge of 10 beautiful high school girls—having one-on-one conversations with each throughout the week, devotions every night, and being there for emotional and spiritual support. There were about 120 high school students overall. Every day we attended Bible Hour, Morning Meeting, Vespers/Devotions, and Evening Meeting. For each there was a designated speaker that focused on our theme verse for the week which was: **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." Luke 4:18.**



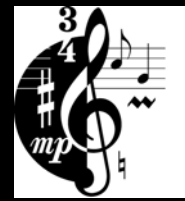
Mission Conference

One of the main highlights of the week was a set-up refugee camp, where the high school staff initiated a simulation of capturing the high school students and treating them as if they were Christian refugees in a third world country. This was a great chance for the students to get a glimpse of how Christians are treated around the world. We also had the option of sleeping in the refugee camp overnight. Another girl's counselor and I led this group—it was a very interesting night. Being a Missionary Conference, we obviously focus on missions throughout the world, but the thing I have learned most by attending

is that you don't have to go to a third world country to make a difference. It is possible to do mission work in your own hometown.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

~Luke 4:18-19



MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to provide special music for summer Worship!! Your gifts are much appreciated.

Please consider joining our ensembles. Even if you are not a member, you are still more than welcome to get involved! If you are interested in any of these groups, please talk to Jessica.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The Bell choir is for adults and all students from middle to high school.

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30pm, beginning September 4.

We play once a month on Sunday during 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir is for adults and students from middle to high school.

Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:45 p.m., beginning September 4. Rehearsal Sunday morning is from 9:00-9:15 a.m.

We sing every Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service starting on September 7 and at special concerts and Worship services.

KING'S KIDS CLAPPERS

All kids from 2nd to 6th grade are invited to join this hand-chimes group.

Practices will be Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. starting September 3.

KING'S KIDS CHOIR

Kids in preschool and kindergarten are invited to sing in this choir.

Our first meeting is

Tuesday, September 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Beginning September 10th, all practices will be Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

All rehearsals take place in the music room.



FROM BRIAN HAYES

The youth group has had a great time during the month of August. The high school students have remained tightly knit as a result of our mission trip experience. Most recently we threw a going away “lock in” party for our departing seniors. Although I have mentioned it before, it should be reiterated that our graduated seniors have blossomed into compassionate, mindful, and honorable people. Whomever they engage throughout their journey will be fortunate and blessed.

Following their excursion to the wave pool in August, the Middies have been inspired by their older counterparts to perform mission work. During the fall, the Middies will start making bread for communion. They will also be helping to restore the church by painting and performing other small maintenance tasks. It was exciting to hear the requests coming from the middies to be more involved in mission as a result of our service that recapped the high school summer trip to the Eastern Shore.

We have confirmed with Theresa Child that the high school students will be helping prepare for the flea market. Last year we had fun participating and we are happy to rejoin the effort.

The BHCC knitting circle, *Knit for a Cause* continues to meet on the third Sunday of every month. We meet from 3:00 – 5:00 in my office. The group was started by one of our high school students, Carly Lunoe. The idea is simple; knitters come together and enact fellowship and compassion. Julia Snead has been working for the cause also throughout the past few months. Her efforts to promote *Knit for a Cause* to the community have been invaluable.

- **9/1 Monday –High School Bible Study**
7:00 – 8:00, Br. Office

- **9/8 Monday –Youth Committee Meeting 7:00**

- **9/5 Friday –Middies *Cosmic Bowling***
7:30 – 10:30

(meet in BHCC south lot –bowling is at Caste Village)

- **9/14 Sunday –High School Steeler Party – time TBA**

- **9/22 Monday –High School Bible Study 7:00 – 8:00**

- **9/28 Sunday-Middies *Sponge Night* 6:30 – 8:00**
(in the Youth Room)

CARE LIST

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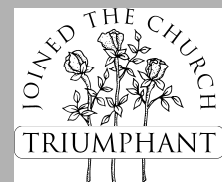
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Verna Rose

Saturday, August 23, 2008



Pastor Elgin's spiritual retreat brought him closer to God than he ever expected.

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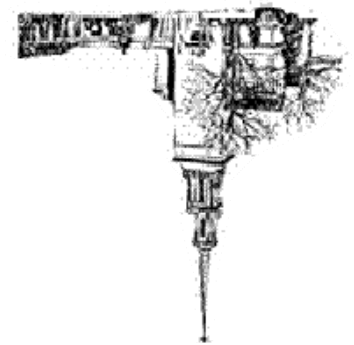
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