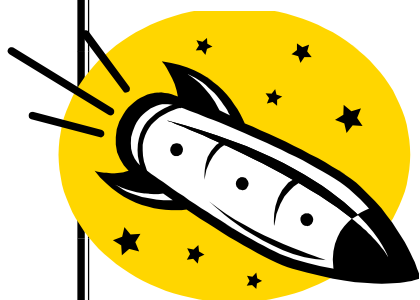


BOWER HILL NEWS

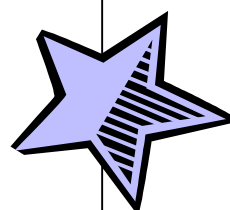


BLAST OFF into our new year!

SEPTEMBER
2009

Dear Friends,

We are poised to launch into an era of unprecedented opportunity, a time of unparalleled challenge, and an epoch of evolutionary excellence. As we prepare for the selection and the arrival of a new pastor—whenever that may be—we prepare as well for the beginning of a new church year, building on the past and more dynamic than the last: featuring a stellar youth program, outstanding opportunities in Christian education (for children, youth, and adults), creative outreach to children in our community, compelling worship services, enriching biblical studies, engaging mission outreach, and abundant occasions for fellowship. All of this begins on Kick-off Sunday, September 13th, with a vibrant guest preacher and speaker: Bart Campolo from Cincinnati, whose sermon at 9:30 a.m. worship is titled *Loving Your Neighbor* and whose topic at the Adult Education class will be *The Story of the Walnut Hills Fellowship*.



Bart Campolo is a veteran urban minister and activist who speaks and writes about grace, faith, loving relationships and social justice. Bart is the leader of The Walnut Hills Fellowship, a local ministry in inner city Cincinnati. He is also founder of Mission Year, a Christian ministry which recruits committed young adults to live and work among the poor in inner-city neighborhoods across the country, and executive director of EAPE, which develops and supports innovative, cost-effective mission projects around the world.

Born and raised in suburban Philadelphia, Bart graduated from Brown University in 1985. From 1986-1989 he worked with young people in South Minneapolis, where he met and married his wife, Marty. In 1989 Bart and Marty moved to West Philadelphia to found Kingdomworks, the urban ministry which later became Mission Year, and to begin raising their children, Miranda and Roman, who are now teenagers.

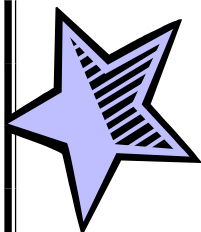
In 2005, after nearly two decades of organizational leadership, the Campolo family moved from Philadelphia to the Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati, hoping to love their neighbors in a more personal way as part of an inner-city faith community.

Come join us as we celebrate a New Year on Sunday, September 13th.

Yours in Christ, faithfully and gratefully,
Calvin C. Wilson

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COMMUNITY NOTES

THE FALL CONCERT SERIES AT BOWER HILL

Lunch and a Concert
12 p.m. Lunch; 1p.m. Concert
(\$5 suggested donation for lunch)

Sponsored by the Friends of Music Committee

September 13th
Jessica Baier, Organ

November 29th
Mark Marston, Classical Guitar

BOOKWORMS

Bookworms meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the home of a member, for fellowship and discussion of a chosen title.

Sept. 15: *Tracks* by Louise Erdrich
Hostess: Lee Ferrero

FOODBANK STILL NEEDS YOU!

On Sunday, September 13th, we will have our regular collection for the Wallace Food Pantry. The food pantry is in particular need of pasta, dry cereal (prefer healthy varieties like Cheerios) and peanut butter.

EAT OUT...AND SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE?

You can, by purchasing a ticket(s) for the Upper St. Clair - Bethel Park Rotary Club's annual sumptuous Chicken Barbeque. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 26th, at Westminster Presbyterian Church located on Route 19 in Upper St. Clair, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., eat in or take out. The tickets are still only \$10 per person if purchased in advance. It's a delicious meal and the proceeds benefit many local charities including BHCC's joint mission project with Rotary to bring water to remote areas in Africa. For more information about that project and/or to purchase tickets, please contact Dave or Susan Hicks at 412-833-7753.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

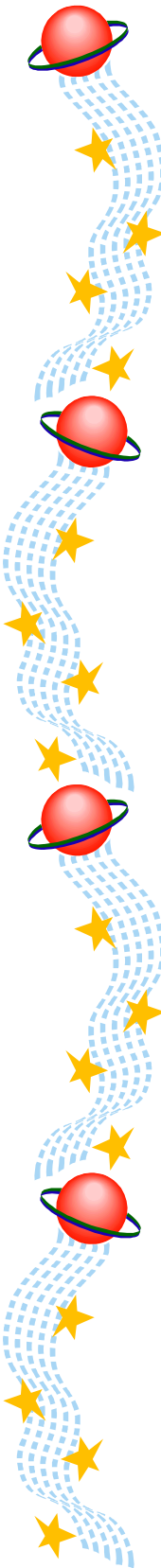
We are looking for a few good people who would like to be involved with our Sunday School program. Help is always needed with all age groups. Our teachers work on a rotating basis so that they can regularly attend our church services. The more teachers we have, the less church they miss. All of our teachers work in teams, so please bring along a friend. If you (and a friend) are willing and able to help us out this year, please contact Susan Hicks at 412-833-7753.

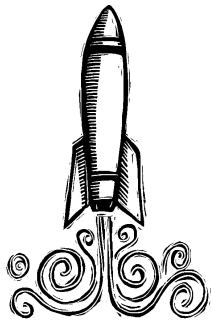
FLEA MARKET COLLECTION NEWS

New in 2009: in addition to the usual items we will also be taking books. We still ask for no clothes or large furniture. All items must be clean and in working condition. Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday during office hours or Sunday after worship. If you are able, please take all items directly upstairs to the loft; otherwise leave items on the benches outside Fellowship Hall. Watch for more information on opportunities to help price (and get first crack at all merchandise), and get ready for the 2009 flea market. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Child at (412) 429-9519.

BRILLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Introduction to Braille" will be presented Tuesday, September 15, at 1:30 p.m. at BHCC for volunteers interested in learning Braille transcription. Volunteers are needed to Braille literary books, textbooks, and other printed material for the visually impaired. Lessons and material are free. For more information or to register for classes (required), contact Priscilla Getty at 412-531-1883.





**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, BOWER HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
WILL HOLD THE SECOND ANNUAL
"FAITH IN ACTION" DAY.
INSTEAD OF HAVING OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE,
OUR MEMBERS WILL GO OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY
TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR FAITH.**

SOME OF THESE SERVICE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Countdown to...



FORMING PRAYER TEAMS

The Faith in Action Prayer Team will be organizing two "pray-ers" teams. One team will be responsible for prayer for all the Faith in Action teams (publicity, Hospice project, community forums, etc.) for approximately 6 weeks. The other team will plan and conduct the prayer service on Faith in Action Sunday, October 4. A prayer guide with suggested prayer points will be provided to the teams.



PROVIDING "STARTER KITCHEN KITS" FOR WOMEN EXITING THE LIGHT OF LIFE MISSION.

One of the many important programs at Light of Life is a ministry to previously addicted or abused homeless women. These women and their families are moved into an apartment and given a fresh start on life.

We will be putting together baskets with the following items:

Pots and pans

Mixing bowls

Measuring spoons and cups

Dishes and drinking glasses

Silverware and serving utensils

Dish soap, sponges, and kitchen towels

New or gently used cook books

Salt and pepper and other common spices

If you would like to help by either purchasing or giving gently used items from the list, we would be most grateful.



PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 150 LUNCHES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE LIGHT OF LIFE MISSION.

Join us as we prepare the daily meal for the Light of Life Mission. Our offerings will include 150 sandwiches, tossed salad and special cut-out cookies prepared by Theresa Child with the children of the church.



WORKING ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SOUTH HILLS HOSPICE BUILDINGS

One of the service activities for Faith In Action Day will be to work at the Family Hospice building located next door to the church. The work will involve exterior Fall clean up, such as raking leaves and other light landscaping beautification jobs. We will be planting mums, pruning and more. In addition, we are hoping to be able to accomplish similar tasks at the homes of some of the Hospice patients that live in the area, including folks who have had family members who were in Hospice care in the recent past. Our goal is to reach out and show God's love to our neighbors.

IN THE AFTERNOON, WE WILL BE CONDUCTING 45 MINUTE DISCUSSION FORUMS ON:

- **BUILDING CHILD VALUES,**
- **SPIRITUAL YOGA,**
- **TOUGH TIME- THEN/NOW,**
- **TALKING ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT**

**WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
TO PARTAKE IN THIS "FAITH IN ACTION" DAY.**

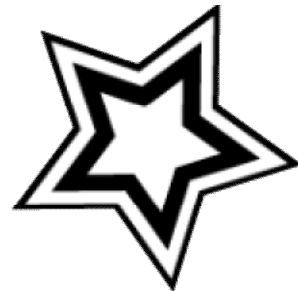
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION.

LYNN FOLTZ, CHAIRMAN

FAITH IN ACTION



WORSHIP PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER



Sunday, September 6th

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

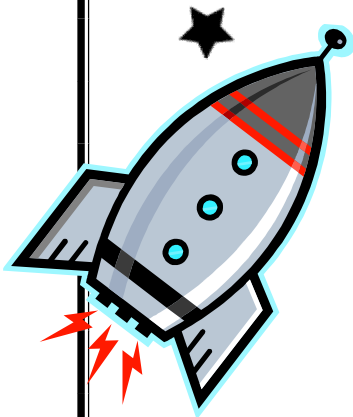
Celebration of Holy Communion

Faith in Action Focus: *Invitation*

Exodus 36:8-19; Luke 24:28-32

The Innermost Sanctuary

The Rev. Dr. Grafton T. Eliason, preaching



Sunday, September 13th

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kick-off Sunday

Faith in Action Focus: *Inspiration*

I John 4:7-8

Loving Your Neighbor

Bart Campolo, preaching



Sunday, September 20th

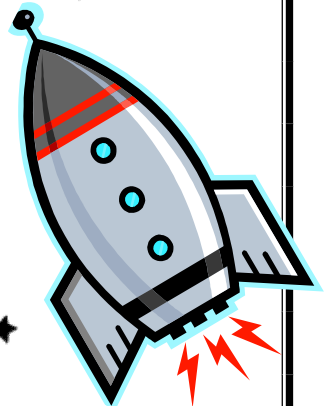
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith in Action Focus: *Illumination*

Psalms 119:105; Isaiah 58:6-12; Matthew 5:13-16

Light in the Window

The Rev. Calvin C. Wilson, preaching



Sunday, September 27th

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith in Action Focus: *Intersection*

Isaiah 58:6-12; I Samuel 3:1-14; Ephesians 4:1-16

Encounter at the Crossroads

The Rev. Calvin C. Wilson, preaching



Kick-Off Sunday Schedule

8:45 a.m. Kick-Off Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Children will be invited to their
Sunday School Classrooms
after Time With the Children.**

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:45 a.m. Adult Education

12 p.m. Lunch with the Friends of Music Committee

1 p.m. Organ concert featuring Jessica Baier

Special Music for Kick-Off

Kick-off Sunday services will be filled with joyous music! Joining the service are handbell duo Bob and Bert Ericksen. Roberta is employed by City Music Center at Duquesne University, where she is business manager and teaches handbells. She is also Director of Handbells at Oakmont Presbyterian Church and The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington. Bob is owner of Golf Augusta Pro Shops in Oakmont and rings with The JuBELLation Ringers at OPC.

When not ringing at their own church, they enjoy sharing their handbell music with congregations and organizations throughout western Pennsylvania.

Following Adult Education, the Fall 2009 Concert Series will kick-off with a lunch at 12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by an organ concert in the Sanctuary. Director of Music Ministries, Jessica Baier, will be performing works by Sweelinck, Duruflé, Bach, and more.

The 2009 Concert Series is being sponsored by the Friends of Music Committee. The Committee consists of members Debbie Boisvert, Bill Cadwell, Jean Miewald, Gordon Mitchell, Lynne Wohleber, George Vosburgh, and Staff Support Jessica Baier

BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH,

Kick Off Sunday,

THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM AT BOWER HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH WILL PROVIDE SPEAKERS WHO WILL DISCUSS SUBJECTS LEADING UP TO FAITH IN ACTION DAY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4.



SEPTEMBER 13TH

Bart Campolo, urban minister, speaker, author. *The Story of the Walnut Hills Fellowship* Campolo lives in Cincinnati and is regarded as an Evangelical with a commitment to social justice.

SEPTEMBER 20TH

Bill Rhoades, manager of volunteer resources, Light of Life Rescue Mission. Bower Hill members and friends will be providing lunches and kitchen starter kits for clients of the Light of Life Mission on Faith in Action Day.

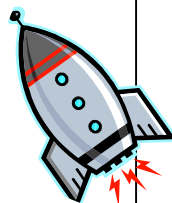
Mr. Rhoades will provide information on the Mission, the services it provides and data on the needs of the homeless in our community

SEPTEMBER 27TH

Daniel Horgan, executive director of Pittsburgh Cares: Volunteering Made Easy, an agency whose mission is to increase community engagement through volunteerism and enhance the impact of regional service providers.

Adult Education classes are held in the Library at 10:45 a.m. or 15 minutes after the close of worship.

Elder Dave Green is chair of Adult Education. Phone: 412 531 22051; email: davegreenph@aol.com



COMMUNITY NOTES

FAMILY HOSPICE FUNDRAISING WALK



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 11, 2009. Our next door neighbor, Family Hospice and Palliative Care, will hold the First Annual Memorial River Walk at the South Side Works & River Trail. Join us as we stroll the two-mile walk along the luminaria-lit Three Rivers Heritage Trail. The Walk will also include musical entertainment, food and great fun for the entire family, including a special area for children. There are several ways for you to celebrate and honor the memories of special people...parents, children, spouses and friends:

- Form your own walking team - sign up 10 committed people who will contact their family members and/or friends to raise at least \$100 per person in memory of loved ones.
- Give a donation of \$25 or more to designate a luminaria in memory of or in honor of a special person. Luminaria will be lit at dusk along the trail displaying the names of loved ones.
- Sponsor a person or a team who will be involved in the Walk.
- Contribute whatever you can and join us that evening to enjoy a variety of fun activities, food and entertainment during the walk.

Family Hospice and Palliative Care, a non-profit organization, is nearing its 30th year of service to individuals and their families facing life-limiting illnesses. They enable patients to make choices about their care, support family and friends who are grieving and educate both professionals and the community about end-of-life issues. They serve approximately 3700 patients every year in 11 Western Pennsylvania counties. Since they renovated the Ward Home next to BHCC in November 2007, their Center for Compassionate Care has provided in-patient care to 540 patients. Your support of this endeavor will help Family Hospice continue to extend its valuable services to those in need, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. For information and registration forms, please contact Susan and Dave Hicks at 412-833-7753 or via email at: susiebhicks@yahoo.com. Information and forms can be delivered to you or sent electronically.

FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

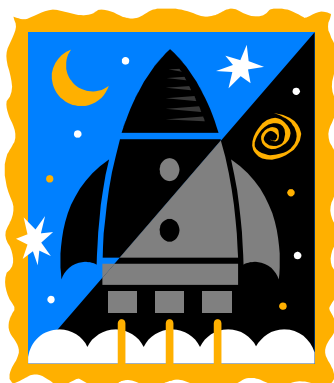
Through an involved process and with God's help, the Committee has narrowed the search to two candidates. Many candidates submitted a Pastor Information Form

as a result of seeing our Church Information Form on the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection website. The forms gave us not only their educational backgrounds and church history, but also included answers to such questions as: describe your leadership style, explain your key theological issues, and express the characteristics of the church you would like to serve. The committee looked at the answers from all the PIF's submitted and found 10 or 12 that, on paper, seemed to match BHCC's needs.

Candidates were then interviewed by phone and select candidates were reviewed in person by Committee members who traveled to see them preach in their home churches. From those we choose several to interview in person. In those interviews it became evident that two of these folks were possible pastors for BHCC. The next step is to have the entire committee hear them preach in

a neutral pulpit and that will take place over the next couple of weeks.

After hearing them and meeting with them again, it is the hope of the committee that one will emerge as the one to whom the Lord is guiding us. When the committee has selected that one person and reached agreement on the terms of call, a recommendation for the terms of call will be made to Session. Session will then call for a congregational meeting, and the candidate will be invited to preach in the Bower Hill pulpit on the Sunday of that meeting. Notice for the meeting will be made from the pulpit for two Sundays preceding the meeting. After the candidate preaches, the terms of call for the candidate will be presented to the congregation for a vote to accept the call.



Once the congregation has accepted the call, it must be approved by the Presbytery. The PNC is targeting to have the call presented for approval at the October Presbytery meeting. The call will become effective after it has been approved by Presbytery. Again, the committee continues to need your prayers and really appreciates your questions or comments on the process.

MUSIC NOTES: LAUNCH YOURSELF INTO OUR ENSEMBLES



Thanks to all who gave their talents during Summer Worship: Jean Miewald, Rev. Cal Wilson, Aaron Jones, Rick Jacobs, Gordon Mitchell, Lynne Wohleber, Glen Wissner, Ben Hohlfelder, Glenna Creaves-Karkaria, Joan Zakor, Margaret Zabo, and Dan Getkin. Your time and energy to share your gifts was most appreciated!

The Bower Hill Ensembles are starting up again very soon! Rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 10th, in the music room, with Handbell Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Both choirs are for adults, junior high and high school students. The Handbell Choir rings in Worship approximately once a month, and will perform in the North Hills Handbell Festival in April of 2010. The Chancel Choir sings in Worship every Sunday, and has an additional rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

NEW FACES AT BHCC



Make sure to say hello to Adam and Missy Kerner.



The Williams Family includes

Mother Kimberly, father Eric, son Brandon and baby sister Isabella.

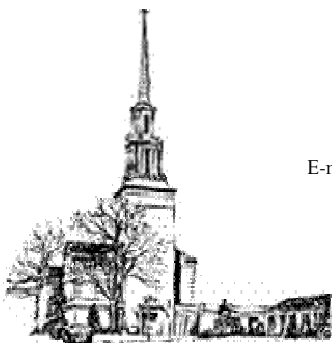


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