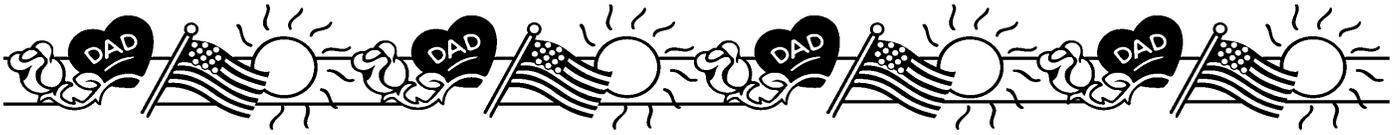


BOWER HILL NEWS



Dear Friends,

A few years ago, the time came for me to move on from the parish I was serving, and I visited one of my elderly parishioners for the last time. He had recently turned ninety-seven, still walked two miles every day and continued to read vociferously. As was our practice twice a year, we went to lunch in a lovely restaurant and then returned to his home for further conversation and discussion. As the visit was drawing to a close, a silence fell upon both of us. We knew this would be the last time we would ever see each other. He looked down at his hands folded in front of him and said reflectively, "A man I know said recently, 'As I grow older, the sound I hear most is the sound of links breaking.'" He then looked up from his folded hands and observed, "That reminds me of a pastor I knew in Brighton, who claimed, 'As I grow older, I seem to hear the sound of doors closing.'"

Each time I had visited this astute gentleman in previous years, he invariably walked me to the driveway and waved to me as I drove away. On this occasion, however, before I left, he re-entered the house from his porch and never looked back. The only sound I heard was the sound of his door closing.

The sound that you and I are about to hear is the sound of a door closing. . . . closing upon a past era. For Elizabeth and me, this has been a phenomenal period of eighteen months filled with passionate caring for one another: pastor and people. We are deeply indebted to you for your grace and generosity. If we listen carefully, the next sound we will hear is the sound of a door opening. Through that doorway will enter your new pastor, his wife, and two young daughters. And behold! A new era with the luster of a bright future at your fingertips! May God bless you dearly in the years ahead!

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
if any hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to them and eat with them,
and they with me.*

Revelation 3:20

Yours in Christ, faithfully,
Calvin Coolidge Wilson



Please join us to say thank you and farewell to our good friend and mentor, Rev. Calvin C. Wilson, at a reception following worship service on June 27th.

**JUNE
2010**

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COMMUNITY NOTES

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



THANKS go out to everyone who signed up for coffee hour after the May 9th service. After the request at the worship service, we filled up the slots for May and June coffee hour hosts. Summer is always a tough time to get hosts due to vacations, etc. But summer is actually easier in that we switch to cold drinks so it's less work than when we make coffee. If you haven't done coffee hour hosting in a while, please consider signing up on the poster in the Friendship Room. Don't want to do it yourself? Sign up with another member. Don't know how to do it? On our web site, www.bhccml.com click on Ministries, click on Worship and you will find guidelines and complete instructions on how to do it. Donna Williams or Glenn Child would be glad to show you where everything is located. For those who prefer or don't have the time to bake, the first Sunday of the month can be as easy as ordering and picking up a sheet cake from a bakery.

FROM THE SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2010:

- The annual Session retreat will be held at the church on Saturday morning, June 6th. The retreat will be used to welcome new Session members, determine the membership of Session committees for the next twelve months, and participate in a Session training event.
- The BHCC Session Minute Book and Church Register were examined by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 19, 2010; they were approved with commendation and no exceptions. The Clerk noted that Elder Phyllis Yohe, Clerk of Session during the first five months of 2009, was responsible for much of the success of the Presbytery review.
- The 2009 flea market proceeds of approximately \$3,700 were allocated as follows: one-third to the youth work trip, one-third to Mission & Outreach, and one-third to Buildings & Grounds for tables in Fellowship Hall. A 2010 flea market was also authorized by the Session.

Bill Cadwell, Clerk of Session

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.

June 22 (special date due to choir concert)

Half the Sky

by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

Hostess: Anne Mitchell

July 20th : *Fragile Beasts* by Tawni O'Dell

Hostess: TBA

**SENIOR MEN'S GROUP MOVES TO TUESDAY**

Senior men's breakfast will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at least through September. The group convenes at 8 a.m. at Kings Restaurant on Rte. 50, Washington Pike, near the end of Green Tree Road, in Scott. We had ten men at the gathering in April. There is no agenda other than good fellowship and interesting conversation. No invitation or reservation is needed. We meet in the room to the left of the cashier.

FOODBANK STILL NEEDS YOU!

On Sunday, **June 13th**, we will have our regular collection for the Wallace Food Pantry. Please give generously!

**CPR CLASSES OFFERED AT BHCC**

Time is running out for signing up for one of the CPR classes that are being offered at BHCC on either Friday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. or on Saturday, June 12th at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Phyllis Yohe at 412-279-7795 or e-mail her at revnphyl@verizon.net no later than Sunday, June 6th, if you are able to attend one of these classes.

BOOK DRIVE

Now is a good time to go through your home library collection and gather some books that would benefit The Neighborhood Academy. They are trying to establish a library and also would like to have a collection of books that their students can take home for younger siblings. We are looking for gently read books that are appropriate for all ages of children up to and through 12th grade. Please bring your books to the church office at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Susan Hicks at 412-833-7753.

PNC: CANDIDATE FOUND!



This is the message that the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been waiting to write for almost a year. We have been interviewing prospective pastors since March of 2009 and the time has finally come. We've found the person the Lord wants us to call to be the next Pastor of Bower Hill

Community Church. We unanimously recommend the Rev. Brian Snyder, currently a Presbyterian pastor in central Pennsylvania. Brian is a young man (40 years old), an excellent preacher, and a pastor looking for a close and lasting relationship with his new congregation.

If you were in church on May 16th, you heard that the Rev. Snyder will come to Bower Hill to preach his candidate sermon on June 20, 2010. A congregational meeting will follow the service to approve his terms of call. There are many steps that the PNC must complete after the congregation has voted to approve Brian's call.

Our hope is that Brian can begin his pastoral ministry with us the first Sunday in August.

A brochure introducing Brian and his family to the congregation will be mailed to all members prior to June 20. It will contain some background information about Brian's education and experience as well as personal information about his wife, Michelle, and two daughters, Chloe and Greta. They are all excited about coming to Bower Hill and becoming part of our church family.

Our current Pastor, Cal Wilson, will complete his interim time with us June 30. Presbytery policy requires that there be a month separation between the Interim Pastor and the new pastor. During the month of July, the Company of Pastors, Dan Getkin and others will be asked to preach. Presbytery's Committee on Ministry will meet on July 27 to review and approve Brian's call to Bower Hill. That approval is the last step in making the call official.

The PNC is sure you will share our enthusiasm once you get to know Brian. It's been a long search but the committee was never discouraged. We always knew the Lord would lead us to the right one.

Now it's the congregation's opportunity to welcome the Snyder Family and help them get to know us. It's going to be a very fun time!

MUSIC NOTES BY JESSICA BAIER



The Chancel Choir will be singing through June 27 this year. The rest of the summer, we will also be having pick-up choirs. On these Sundays, whoever wants to come and sing an anthem for Worship is welcome. We will meet at 8.45a.m. in the sanctuary and prepare an anthem to sing during the Offertory.

The dates for the summer are:

July 11
July 18
August 1
August 15

I'd like to say a special thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir, for a wonderful program year!! You have all worked very hard, and it definitely shows. Thank you for your time and energy!

FROM DAN GETKIN

Youth Sunday was quite a bit of fun! Thank you for giving our students the opportunity to share in the joy of worship leadership. We appreciate the freedom you gave us to try some new things. Our students were happy with how it turned out and were excited to receive all the positive feedback afterwards. I am always encouraged to see how this congregation supports the youth. Whether you're buying hoagies, or asking about school, or congratulating them on Youth Sunday, you find ways to lift up our students. I think this is precisely what being a 'community church' is all about. I am proud of what our students have accomplished. I am thrilled at the way you have set them for success. Thanks be to God!



FROM THE
YOUTH DIRECTOR

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 6

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ordination/Installation of Church Officers
Holy Communion
Galatians 1:11-24
A Thorny Twist of Fate
The Rev. Calvin C. Wilson, preaching

Sunday, June 20

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 8:26-39
When Pigs Fly
The Rev. Brian C. Snyder, preaching

Sunday, June 13

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 8:5-13
The Faith in Miracles, the Miracle of Faith
The Rev. Dr. Grafton T. Eliason, preaching

Sunday, June 27

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ephesians 6:1-20
Suiting Action to the Word
The Rev. Calvin C. Wilson, preaching

JUNE WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNION SERVERS

DJ Geis, Chuck Prine, Dan Zabo, Margaret Zabo

GREETERS

June 6: Tim & Darena Lease, Carolyn Phillippe
June 13: Jean Miewald, Lee Ferraro, Lynne Wohleber
June 20: Gordon & Anne Mitchell, Joan Zakor
June 27: Steve & Debbie Boisvert, Chan Ketchum

LECTORS

June 6: Theresa Child
June 13: Keith Mason
June 20: Mary Beth Waine
June 27: Joan Zakor

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

Glenn Child, Bill Andrews, Evan Schardt, Dylan Lease, George Freas

USHERS

Marian Brannan, Jim Corbett, Lucille Heckman, Earl Kennedy, Bill Ramsey



WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: 10.30 A.M.

**BEGINNING THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE,
BOTH ELEMENTARY CLASSES WILL BE COMBINED.**

**DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE,
KIDS SUMMER WORSHIP WILL
TAKE PLACE IN THE LIBRARY.**

**BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR VBS
THE WEEK OF JUNE 21ST!**

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH
WILL NOT MEET AFTER WORSHIP
IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.**

**YOUTH PROGRAMMING WITH
DAN GETKIN WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE MONTH.**

VIKING CHOIR

invites you to a special performance

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010 AT 7 PM

PLEASE JOIN US

- June 15, 7:00 PM
- The concert is free. A freewill offering will be collected for the benefit of the choir. Groups are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- Reception to follow in the church Fellowship Hall
- Please feel free to contact the church office with any questions at 412-561-4114



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BOWER HILL/ HEKIMA GRANT CHALLENGE

The girls at Hekima Place now travel on the road to a brighter future thanks to your prayers and support. Their next steps show even more promise as Hekima Place begins to build a permanent home and move further along the path of "Building the Future, One Girl at a Time."

The generosity of so many donors worldwide created the opportunity last summer for the Hekima Board to purchase ten acres of land outside of Nairobi, Kenya, and to come closer to a dream – a home that is owned rather than rented.

Throughout the past year, staff, volunteers and the girls themselves took on the challenge to help clear the land and ready the grounds for construction and to plant the shamba (garden). A borehole was drilled early to provide safe water for the workers and the garden. Excitement mounts now that the architect's drawings are complete and the contractors prepare to build six new cottages to house 60 girls, the staff and volunteers, and a dining hall that will also provide space for both recreation and studying.

Bower Hill has been a vital supporter of this ministry over the past three years. As Hekima Place approaches its fifth anniversary, we once again have an opportunity to make a significant contribution. Late in

April, BHCC received word that we had received a grant for \$5,000 from the Family Assistance Foundation to help with the Hekima Place construction project. (This is the same foundation that a year ago provided matching funds for our African well project.)

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to double that \$5,000 and has voted to use the Flea Market money it was allocated over the past two years as a challenge/matching fund.

The Mission Committee will match the first \$2,500 in contributions made by BHCC members between now and Hekima Place's fifth birthday on August 15th. Please donate if you can and help us turn this \$5,000 grant into a \$10,000 gift to help the girls of Hekima Place. We can all make this a birthday gift to remember and help Hekima Place realize this dream.

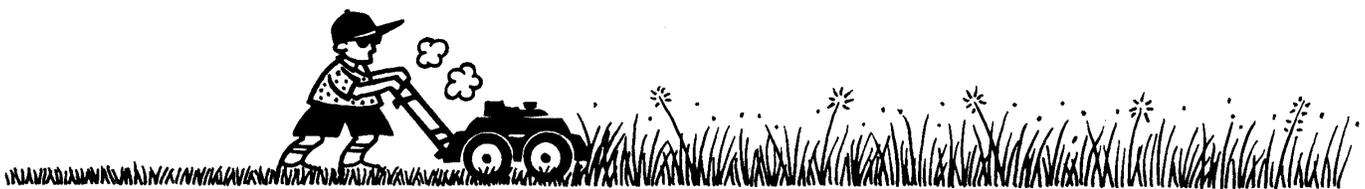
If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Betsy or Alan Hohlfelder. Checks can be made out to BHCC with Hekima Place in the memo. The Mission Committee will keep everyone apprised of how we are doing in meeting our goal.

Thanks so much for your continued generosity,

The Members of the Mission and Outreach Committee

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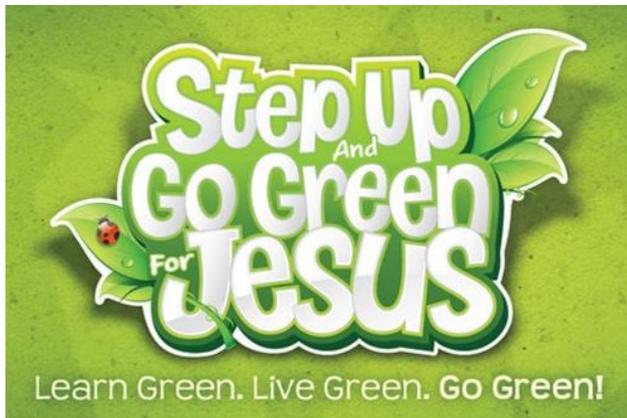
PUSH, PUSH, PUSH THE MOWER...GENTLY 'ROUND THE GROUNDS!



To all who enjoy making tall grass short...the BHCC mowing/trimming brigade is still looking for volunteers to help out, even to be on a sub list in case we get into a temporary bind.

If you can, please call Dave Hicks at 412-833-7753 or Lynn Foltz at 412-537-0341.

To date, things have been going fairly well and we need to send a big THANK YOU to the following members who have answered the call : Glenn Child, Lynn Foltz, Anne & Gordon Mitchell, Jason & Kiri Rising, Dick Westerhoff, Phil Johnson, Curt Philson, Dave & Susan Hicks, Bill Ewing, and Bill Wegener. Last, but certainly not least, is Bill Andrews for all of his help in keeping the equipment in good running order.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 JUNE 21-25
 9:30 AM TO NOON**

Please tell your relative, friends and neighbors who have children, ages 3 and 11, to join us as we

“STEP UP AND GO GREEN FOR JESUS”.

Registration forms will be in the bulletins and will be mailed to our BHCC neighbors.

For those who would like to donate their time and talents before, during and after VBS, please mark the areas where you would like to volunteer and place this form in the collection plate.

- Set-Up Volunteer (Pre-VBS on June 19)
- Clean-Up Volunteer (After VBS on June 25)
- Decorator – Assist with decorations for rooms (Pre-VBS)
- Photographer / Videographer (During VBS)
- Babysitting/Childcare (During VBS)
- Registration Helper (Assist with registration of children and paperwork)
- Assist with Opening & Closing Ceremony (Skit Director, Technology, Songs)
- Group Leader (During VBS)
- Group Assistant (During VBS)
- Art Helper (During VBS)
- Games Helper (During VBS)
- Snack Helper (During VBS)
- Help wherever I am needed**

I am available:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, June 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Anytime you need me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, June 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, June 19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, June 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday, June 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, June 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday afternoon, June 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 25 | |

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Please place this form in the Collection Plate or contact:

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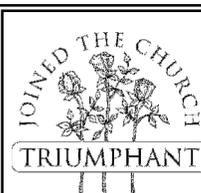
Catheryn Deemer, 300 Kane Blvd. Room 314, Pittsburgh, PA 1524

Tooie Sharkey, Asbury Heights, 700 Bower Hill Rd, #7338, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Evelyn Mason, Health center at Friendship Village, 1290 Boyce Road, Upper St. Clair 15241

Barbara Prunchak, c/o Crestwood Commons, 100 Crestwood Court #223, Wheatfield, NY 14304

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