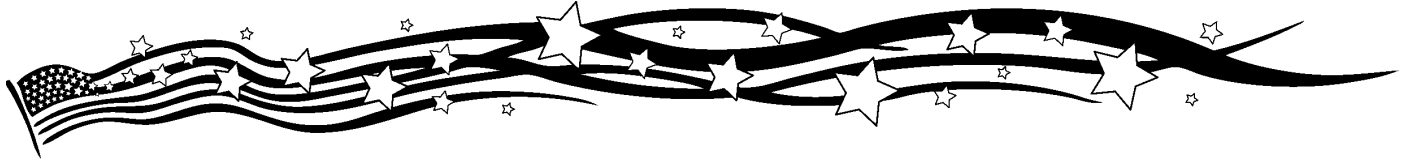


# BOWER HILL NEWS



**JULY  
2010**

When the PNC reported to the congregation at the Semi-Annual meeting in February, we promised that the committee would complete its work of finding a new pastor in less time than the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. And we made good on the promise, presenting Brian Snyder to the congregation for approval after 19 months of searching. Having voted to confirm Brian's call, the congregation stands before a "Promised Land" as Brian joins us for our journey into the future. When Moses died in the wilderness, God commissioned Joshua to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land. There had never been anyone like Moses, and now the Israelites were left with a new and untested leader. And God said:

**"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. Have I not  
commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified.  
Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go!"**  
Joshua 1: 5,9

Ahhhh ! Times of transition, don't you love them. When everything is up in the air, the current era is coming to an end and the new one is just around the corner with all its potential for CHANGE. And it's not just at Bower Hill. It's all around us – Just pick a topic:

- Health care** – **More coverage, more debt, more taxes.**  
Who knows where we are headed on this important issue?
- Energy** – **BP Oil spill in the Gulf, Marcellus Shale, Drill baby Drill.**  
Who knows what the right answer is for energy security?
- Economy** – **Job losses, housing turmoil, deficits, new taxes, spending cuts.**  
Who's in charge?

What a blessing to have God to hold onto in times like these!

Throughout its search process, the PNC remained grounded by prayer and our faith that God is with us. We prayed together and individually that we would listen to God's voice and try to see His will for our church. A lot of folks in the congregation prayed for us too. Prayer was a source of much comfort and it was very energizing to recognize God's hand in our committee's deliberations.

So if I can be bold to offer some words of advice to Bower Hill as we prepare for our future, they would look something like this (forgive the bullet points – I am an engineer by profession and old habits die hard. At least, it's not a PowerPoint presentation):

- **To the PNC** – It's not over for us yet. We still have a vital role to play during the transition, supporting Brian and helping him to get to know Bower Hill.
- **To the congregation** — Keep on praying for Brian, for the Session and committees of the church, for your fellow members and for all those people who could be members in the future
- **To the Session** – Move forward to do the work you have been given, with humor and a spirit of enthusiasm. Remember, God will guide if you just listen.
- **To the staff** – Don't be fearful about a new boss. He wants the office and the programs to work smoothly and succeed as much as you do.
- **To each individual** – Look for ways to help Bower Hill grow. Participate in worship, volunteer for service, talk to your neighbors about Bower Hill and invite them to church.

Bower Hill church has a long and proud history of providing Christian love and service to each other, our neighbors, our community and around the world. God has been with Bower Hill in the past. He has now helped us to find a new pastor to lead us into the glorious future He has planned for us. Let us embrace this transition and rejoice in God's wisdom and blessing to us.

Amen  
Rick Jacobs, FORMER chair of the PNC

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

COMMUNITY NOTES: CPR CLASSES PRODUCE TO PEOPLE BOOKWORMS SENIOR MEN'S BREAKFAST FOODBANK BOOK DRIVE	2
CHOIR BOYS THANK YOU	3
CHURCH LEADERSHIP	4
SESSION COMMITTEES	5
HEKIMA GRANT CHALLENGE JULY GUEST PREACHER MUSIC NOTES	6
WORSHIP INFO WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	7
CARE LIST	8




## COMMUNITY NOTES

Want to be included on this page?

Submissions are due the 15th of every month for the next month's publication.


412-561-4114 or office@bhccml.com

### CPR/AED TRAINING COMPLETED




Eleven church members participated in the CPR-AED training classes on June 11 - 12. They were: Bill Andrews, Jessica Baier, Jim Corbett, Pete Fenton, Norma Grubb, Dr. Richard Rothrock, Betty and Bob Winnett, Lynne Wohleber, Rev. John Yohe and Phyllis Yohe. We all got a chance to practice on the mannequins (both adult and child), and to use the Automated External Defibrillator. Members of the congregation should feel comfortable in knowing that in case of an emergency, there will be a few certified people in attendance on Sunday mornings who are to give aid. The AED is located in the Narthex, in a container under the Memorial Garden books.

### JOIN PRODUCE TO PEOPLE




Produce to People, a partnership of the Pittsburgh Presbytery and Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, continues to regularly provide fruits, vegetables, canned goods, meat and fish to families at risk. Monthly, on every third Saturday (second Saturdays in November and December), Presbyterian congregations and Food Bank volunteers join together to distribute food, develop relationships and minister to those in our community who have the greatest need. Families that would otherwise go without healthy nutritional alternatives have come to rely on Produce to People. Members of Bower Hill Community Church have regularly attended the monthly distribution and continue to support this most worthwhile ministry. If you would like to join us, or need any additional information, please see or call Keith Mason.

### FOODBANK STILL NEEDS YOU!



On Sunday, **July 11th**, we will have our regular collection for the Wallace Food Pantry. Please give generously!

### 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.

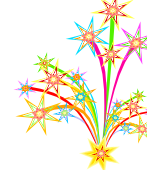
#### July 20th

*Fragile Beasts* by Tawni O'Dell  
Hostess: TBA

#### August 17th


*Between Two Worlds -Escape from Tyranny:*  
*Growing up in the Shadow of Saddam* by Zainab Salbi  
Hostess - TBA

### SENIOR MEN'S GROUP ON 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. 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.

### 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.

## A LAND OF LAKES CHOIRBOYS *HURRAH*



Superlatives fall short when we attempt to adequately describe the Land of Lakes Choirboys appearance on Tuesday, June 15 at Bower Hill Community Church. Three hundred eight eager people comfortably filled the sanctuary's main floor and balcony while thirty-one Viking Choirboys—ages eight to fourteen—gloriously filled the space above our heads with a melodious sound that would make angels weep for joy. In point of fact, it was reported that a man in a wheelchair told Francis Stockwell, Director, that he was a 101 years old. "I have always wondered what angels in heaven sound like when they sing," he said, "and now I know."

We had our own "angels" right here at BHCC working diligently to make this one of the outstanding highlights of 2009-2010. On behalf of the entire congregation, I wish to express deep-felt gratitude to our Worship and Music Committee and to the Land of Lakes Choirboys Task Force, who made preparations for this major event, including cooking and serving dinner for the boys and host families, setting up and hosting the reception, creating publicity, making community contacts, securing host families, ushering and greeting, planning and executing parking arrangements, providing breakfast the following morning, and making certain that the sanctuary, the building and grounds were in extraordinary condition:

Jessica Baier, Staff  
 Nancy and Bill Andrews  
 Marian Brannan  
 Joan Bridges  
 Glenn Child  
 Theresa Child  
 Pete Fenton and Norma Grubb  
 Lynn Foltz  
 Dan Getkin and the Youth  
 Cynthia Gissin  
 Linda Johnson

Carol Knox  
 Kathy Philson  
 Carolyn Westerhoff  
 Beth Wilson  
 Bob Winnett  
 Lynne Wohleber  
 Donna Williams  
 Phyllis Yohe  
 Margaret Zabo  
 Joan Zakor

An enormous *thank you* as well goes to those who hosted the choirboys in their homes on the night of their performance:

Joan and Bob Bridges  
 Bev and Jim Burke  
 Sally and Glenn Child  
 Pete Fenton and Norma Grubb  
 Linda and Lynn Foltz  
 Jennifer and Bob Foster

Pat and Rick Jacobs  
 Carol and Graham Knox  
 Anne and Gordon Mitchell  
 Shelly and David Saba  
 Josie Sheldon  
 Carolyn and Dick Westerhoff

Beth and Cal Wilson

*Thank you* to one and all who made the Land of Lakes Choirboys debut in Pittsburgh a spectacular, memorable event!

—Calvin Coolidge Wilson





**CHURCH LEADERSHIP**  
*as of June 2010*

**Elders Class of 2011**

Dave Green  
Pat Jacobs  
Tim Lease  
Jim McAnulty  
Joan McAnulty  
Dick Westerhoff

**Elders Class of 2012**

Bill Cadwell  
Kurt Kerner  
Chan Ketchum  
Mary Beth Waine  
Lynne Wohleber  
Phyllis Yohe

**Elders Class of 2013**

Kirsten Bruder  
Lynn Foltz  
Susan Hicks  
Keith Mason  
Curt Philson  
Kiri Rising

**Deacons Class of 2011**

Nancy Criswell  
Nancy Green  
Doris Olinger  
Dave Stewart

**Deacons Class of 2012**

Nancy Andrews  
Mary Good  
Anne Mitchell  
Kathy Philson

**Deacons Class of 2013**

Lee Ferrero  
Darenda Lease  
LuAnn McNickle  
Beth Wilson

**Nominating Committee Class of 2011**

Theresa Child  
George Freas  
Cynthia Gissin  
Lucille Heckman



## COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

**Clerk of Session:** Bill Cadwell

**Presbytery Representative:** Bill Cadwell

### **Administration and Personnel**

Elder Chair: Pat Jacobs  
Elder Member: Mary Beth Waine

### **Finance and Stewardship**

Elder Chair: Dick Westerhoff  
Elder Member: Kurt Kerner

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Elder Chair: Lynn Foltz  
Elder Member: Jim McAnulty

### **Mission and Outreach**

Elder Chair: Kiri Rising  
Elder Member: Joan McAnulty

### **Christian Education (Children)**

Elder Chair: Susan Hicks  
Elder Member: Kirsten Bruder

### **Nominating**

Elder Chair: Phyllis Yohe  
Elder Member: Kirsten Bruder

### **Christian Education (Adult)**

Elder Chair: Dave Green  
Elder Member: Chan Ketchum

### **Worship and Music**

Elder Chair: Lynne Wohleber  
Elder Member: Phyllis Yohe

### **Evangelism and Membership**

Elder Chair: Keith Mason  
Elder Member: Curt Philson

### **Youth Ministries**

Elder Chair: Mary Beth Waine  
Elder Member: Tim Lease

**YOUR  
GENEROSITY  
MAKES OUR  
HEARTS EXPLODE  
WITH THANKS!**



**WE ARE STILL COLLECTING AND MATCHING  
DONATIONS FOR HEKIMA PLACE!**

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 a \$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.

## GET TO KNOW JULY'S GUEST PREACHER!

The Rev. Ann E. Morris is a graduate of Grove City College, Katz Graduate School of Business and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Ann considers herself to be bi-vocational, having spent equal years employed by corporations and area churches. She especially enjoys teaching adult Christian Education on topics such as "The Spirituality of the American Civil War" and "Friendship as a Model of Discipleship."

Ann is currently preparing to teach a series on understanding "the unchurched," i.e., those who call themselves spiritual but not religious.

Ann and her husband, Bob, live in Mt. Lebanon with their recent college graduate daughter, Maureen.

## MUSIC NOTES BY JESSICA BAIER



Thank you to all who served on the Land of Lakes Choir Boys Task Force! The preparation in hosting the Viking Choir at Bower Hill on June 15 took a lot of time and energy from a number of people. The concert was a great success, thanks to the many participants of the Task Force.

Throughout the summer, we hope you will consider joining a 'pick-up' choir. On the following Sundays, whoever wants to come and sing an anthem for Worship is welcome. We will meet at 8:45 a.m. in the sanctuary and prepare an anthem to sing during the Offertory. The dates for July and August are:

July 11  
July 18  
August 1  
August 15

The Pittsburgh Compline Choir is a mixed voice, auditioned choir of approximately 25 members, that exists for the purpose of singing and praying the monastic office of Compline. The name *Compline* comes from the Latin word *completorium* or *completed*, and is sometimes called Night Prayer or Prayer at the Close of the Day. The Pittsburgh Compline Choir joins with members of the community at Heinz Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh during the Pitt school year for 40 minutes of music, prayer and silence to thank God for the blessings of the day and pray for forgiveness, peace and rest.

On Monday, July 26, the Pittsburgh Compline Choir will sing a service for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Conference. This will be held at Trinity Cathedral, downtown, at 8 p.m. This service will be conducted by our own Director of Music Ministries, Jessica Baier, since the Director of the Choir, Dr. Alastair Stout, will be out of town.



## WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JULY

### Sunday, July 4

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Daniel T. Getkin, preaching

### Sunday, July 11

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Holy Communion  
Genesis 12:1-9; Luke 24:44-53  
*You Shall Be a Blessing*  
The Rev. Ann E. Morris, preaching

### Sunday, July 18

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*Out of Africa*  
The Rev. Dr. Grafton T. Eliason, preaching

Minute for Mission on Hekima Place  
by Kate Fletcher

### Sunday, July 25

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Report on the Youth Mission Trip  
Daniel T. Getkin and Trip Participants

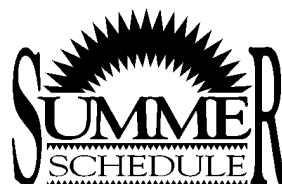
## JULY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

**COMMUNION SERVERS (SERVED JULY 11TH)**  
Lee Ferrero, Jean Miewald, Phyllis Yohe, Joan Zakor

**LECTORS**  
**July 4:** Margaret Zabo  
**July 11:** Theresa Child

**SOUND BOARD OPERATORS**  
Glenn Child, Bill Andrews, Evan Schardt, Dylan Lease,  
George Freas

**USHERS**  
Steve and Debbie Boisvert, Bob Bridges, Chuck and  
Mary Laufer, Bob Winnett



**WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.**  
**FELLOWSHIP TIME: 10.30 A.M.**

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

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

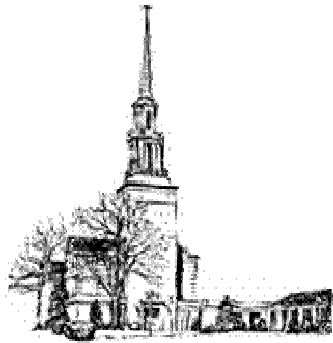
**YOUTH PROGRAMMING WITH  
DAN GETKIN WILL  
CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.**

# BOWER HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

70 Moffett Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15243

Phone: 412-561-4114  
Fax: 412-561-2252  
E-mail: [office@bhccml.com](mailto:office@bhccml.com)  
[www.bhccml.com](http://www.bhccml.com)



**Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 2335  
Pittsburgh, PA**

RETURN SERVICE

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Grafton Eliason, Company of Pastors

The Rev. John Yohe, Company of Pastors

Jessica Baier, Director of Music Ministries  
[je@bhccml.com](mailto:je@bhccml.com)

Dan Getkin, Youth Director  
[da@bhccml.com](mailto:da@bhccml.com)

Dianne Scott, Financial Secretary  
[di@bhccml.com](mailto:di@bhccml.com)

Emily Kerr, Secretary  
[em@bhccml.com](mailto:em@bhccml.com)

Michael Bergen, Custodian

## THE CHURCH OFFICE

[412] 561-4114

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.

## CARE LIST

**Margie Beatty**, 1300 Bower Hill Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15243

**Matt Dunfee**, 966 Worthington Woods Blvd, Worthington, OH, 43085

**Kenn Fetterman**, 2236 Kingridge Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

**Peggy Craig**, 714 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

**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

**Mike Bergen**, 227 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228