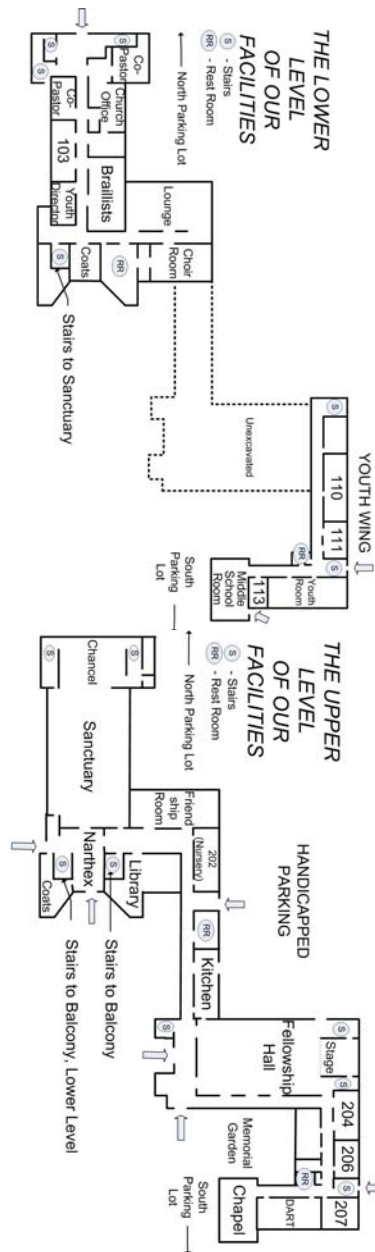




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A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO BOWER HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH (PCUSA)



A Place to Believe, Belong and Become

Worship and Education Schedule:

9:30 am Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary
Christian Education for preschool through 5th grade students is offered after the children's message.

10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:45 am Adult and Youth Christian Education with activities for children.

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**You don't have
to be a member to be involved!**

For more detailed information on Bower Hill, please pick up our Opportunities to Believe, Belong and Become booklet in the Narthex or office.

Sunday Schedule-

9:30 am Worship Celebration– Everyone gathers in the sanctuary for a time of worship. After the children’s message, preschool-5th grade children are invited to proceed to the Education wing to attend Christian Education.

10:30 am Fellowship Time/ 1st Sunday of the Month is Birthday Celebration Sunday

10:45 am Adult and Youth Christian Education– nursery care for infants and toddlers is available and activities for children in preschool-5th grade are held in the Lounge.

Communion: is celebrated the first Sunday of the month usually by passing trays with bread and grape juice, but on occasion we celebrate by intinction and members and friends are invited to come forward to break off a piece of bread and dip it in a common cup. All who have been baptized into the Christian faith (including children and adults who are members in other denominations) are invited to celebrate communion.

Childcare for infants and toddlers is available on Sundays from 9:15 am to 11:45 am in our Nursery near the sanctuary. Ask an usher for directions.

Spiritual Growth

Baptism

Baptism is one of two Sacraments celebrated by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Baptism is the sign of entry into the Christian Church and family. In Baptism, we celebrate our relationship with God and we affirm our identity as a child of God. Baptism is offered once in a lifetime for either infants or adults and it is remembered by all every time we celebrate the Sacrament. To learn more about baptism please contact the Pastor. Both pastoral consultation and Session approval are prerequisites for this sacrament.

Pre-School-5th Grade Education Classes

After the children’s message, children in preschool through 5th grade travel to the Education Wing to begin their Church School classes

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School takes place for one week each summer for children in preschool through grade six. Every year, Bible School has a different theme and it is typically held in late June.

Youth Group

There are regular Youth Fellowship meetings for both senior high and middle school students. There are youth activities for middle school and high school students on various days and times during the year. See the newsletter and bulletin for times. Youth Fellowship events include, recreational outings and service projects. A week-long Senior High Work Trip for 9th-12 graders will take place in the summer.

Confirmation Classes

Typically for eighth or ninth graders, this class is offered for youth who are interested in learning more about membership in the church. The pastor will lead this class at a time determined with those who are interested in participating.

Youth Sunday School

From September through May, Youth Christian Education classes for grades 6 - 12 meet each Sunday from about 10:45 am to 11:45 am in the youth lounge located in the lower education wing.

Adult Education Class

From September through May, the Adult Education Class meets on Sunday mornings after fellowship time in the church Library, from about 10:45 am to 11:45 am. Guest speakers lead discussions and share their knowledge. The topics for this class can be found in the News/Events section of the website or in the church newsletter.

Other Growth Opportunities

You Don’t have to Be a Member to Get Involved

BHCC offers many opportunities for education and fellowship and you don’t have to be a member to participate. Some of these opportunities include: adult and children’s education, music programs for adults and children, book discussion and other fellowship groups. For more information pick up our “Opportunities to Believe, Belong and Become” booklet in the Narthex or the Church office.

Thinking about joining Bower Hill?

We feel the faith journey should not be encumbered by a time consuming rigid set of procedures to join a church. So, we have purposely made the process easy. We do have plenty of opportunities for new members to gain knowledge about our church before and after becoming members.

The process:

1. Let us know if you are interested
2. Meet with the pastor
3. Affirm your faith in worship