

Bellevue Presbyterian Church

BELLEVUE TIDINGS



*Bellevue is a family of faith who lifts up the name of Jesus Christ in Worship,
teaches the Truth of Christ to those who follow Him, and shows the Way to Christ to those who do not know Him.*

Purpose Statement of Bellevue Presbyterian Church

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The Parables of Jesus

ALL CHURCH - FALL RETREAT SEPT. 30 – OCT. 2

A wonderful weekend retreat will be held at Camp Donegal this fall. The theme of this year's retreat is "Parables of Jesus." While the Membership and Evangelism Committee hopes that you will come and stay for the whole weekend, you are welcome to come for as much or as little of the weekend as your schedule permits. Once again this year Bellevue's *Alleluia Praise* will be leading us during the retreat in our times of praise and worship.

Retreat brochures, with full details and registration form, were mailed with the July/August newsletter and may also be picked up at the *Welcome Center* or from the church office. We hope to see you at Camp Donegal.



YOUTH GROUPS' FALL KICK OFF: Sunday, September 11th

Sunday, September 11th the youth ministry is holding their annual fall kick off. All current 6th-8th grade students are invited – as well as their parents! We will have snacks, games, and go over our plans for the next year of ministry. Our theme for the night is "Minute to Win it" – so come ready to face some challenges with little time and lots of team competition! We will meet at our normal time, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bellevue. If you have any questions please speak with a youth leader.



Music Ministry at Bellevue Presbyterian Church

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth: break forth in joyous song and sing praises."

Psalms 98: 4-5

The great reformer, Martin Luther, called music "a fair and glorious gift of God." Our Music Ministry gratefully acknowledges this valuable gift, and aspires to lead our congregation in the high calling of praising God, as revealed through Christ Jesus.

Adult, handbell, youth and cherub choirs, soloists, the sounds of the organ, praise band, piano and other instruments are a regular part of worship services.

Membership in any of the musical ensembles is as simple as coming to rehearsal on the appropriate night. No auditions are required – just a love of music and the desire to glorify God through music.

Rehearsals begin in September as follows:

September 7th	6:15 p.m. – <i>Resounding Joy</i> (Sr Bell choir)
September 7th	6:45 p.m. – <i>Sr. Choir</i> – (9 th grade and older)
September 14th	5:30 p.m. – <i>New Life Ringers</i> (beginners)
	6:00 p.m. – <i>Cherub Choir</i> (K – 3 rd grade)
	6:30 p.m. – <i>Youth Singers</i> (4 th - 8 th grades)

There is always an opportunity waiting for you here in the music ministry at BPC. We offer a "train as you serve" approach.

Music experience is helpful, but not always a necessity!

Requirements include a willing spirit and commitment to serve!

**SEE PAGE 8 FOR THE NEW ADULT
SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES WHICH
BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH**

From The Pastor



William S. Davies, Jr.

Cleaning out files is not necessarily one of my favorite things to do ... except when you find hidden treasures such as the one below.

Live churches are constantly changing.
Dead churches don't have to.

Live churches have lots of noisy kids.
Dead churches are fairly quiet.

Live churches' expenses always exceed their income.
Dead churches take in more than they ever dreamed of spending.

Live churches are constantly improving for the future.
Dead churches worship their past.

Live churches move out in faith.
Dead churches operate totally by human sight.

Live churches focus on people.
Dead churches focus on programs.

Live churches support missions heavily.
Dead churches keep it all at home.

Live churches are filled with tithers.
Dead churches are filled with tippers.

Live churches don't have "can't" in their dictionary.
Dead churches have nothing but.

Live churches dream great dreams of God.
Dead churches relive nightmares.

Live churches evangelize.
Dead churches fossilize.

May the Author of Life, Jesus Christ, continually infuse His church with His Life giving presence and power.



Pulpit Preview

Sept. 4 "My Rock"	Psalm 62:1-12
Sept. 11 "Water into Wine" (The Seven Signs –Part 1)	John 2:1-11
Sept. 18 "Life to the Dying" (The Seven Signs –Part 2)	John 4:46-54
Sept. 25 "Healing at Bethesda" (The Seven Signs –Part 3)	John 5:1-15

Pulpit Preview

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS



Church Building
Hours

In an effort not to leave the building open and unlocked during times when there is no one in the building we have set standard hours that you would usually find the building open and unlocked. The church will be open and unlocked many hours other than below. Most mornings you will find someone here earlier and the same is true many afternoons. The church is also open in the evening when there is an evening meeting.

Sunday

7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
(Evening hours may vary during the summer months)

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Evening hours may vary during the summer months)

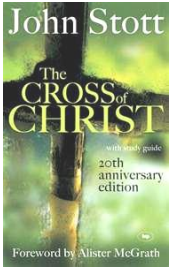
Friday & Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Individuals who have keys are reminded that the building is armed every evening. The alarm will be off by 9:00 a.m. every morning and the building will be unarmed until 8:00 p.m. or after evening meetings and activities. In winter months when there are no evening meetings or activities the building might be armed as early as 5:00 p.m. We also remind people with keys and code that they should always use one of the key pad doors (the Main Entrance into Friendship Hall, the lower east door into the Christian Education Building and the upper west door into the Christian Education Building off of the back small terrace) when entering the locked building.

FROM THE PARISH ASSOCIATE

Kristine Hileman



Noted evangelical author and preacher John Stott died July 27th, 2011 at the age of 90. A British pastor, John Stott traveled around the world teaching evangelism and encouraging Christians in the Majority World countries. He believed in "the mind as a gift from God" and he "drilled down deep into Scripture to display its power." He was greatly admired for his biblical preaching and for his humble and simple lifestyle.

In seminary I read his book, The Cross of Christ, and it greatly expanded my understanding of what Jesus sacrificed for me. This year I used his book again when I prepared my sermon for Good Friday.

Covenant Group has been studying John Stott's teaching on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount this year. John Stott's writings help us to really understand these difficult verses and apply them to our lives.

John Stott's passion was "to learn what God said, and to let it shape life". Come, join the folks at Covenant Group this fall and let John Stott's passion be yours.

COVENANT GROUP NEWS SEPTEMBER 14TH & 28TH

Welcome back Bible students!

"How Not to Be Religious" is the topic of Chapter 7 of John Stott's "Sermon on the Mount" which we will study on Wednesday September 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. We will examine what Jesus meant in Matthew 6:5 when he said, "Do not be like the hypocrites...."

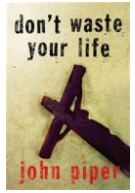
On Wednesday September 28th we will compare the Lord's Prayer to our own prayers in Chapter 8 "A Pattern for Dynamic Prayer." What was Jesus teaching us when he taught his disciples to pray?

New students of the Bible are always welcome. Come for one class or many. Join for a snack and a fun discussion!



M.O.B.

(Men of Bellevue)
September 10th, 8:00 a.m.



On September 10th, the M.O.B. will continue our study of John Piper's book entitled, Don't Waste Your Life. The M.O.B. meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. If you have been attending the M.O.B. you should be reading Chapter 8 of the book and answering the questions on Chapter 8 in the study guide. The book and the study guide are available for free on the Desiring God website.



G.A.P.

(Gals Are Praying)
September 12th – 7:00 p.m.
September 20th – 10:00 a.m.

Evening G.A.P. will meet on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library. We will be studying Chapter 4: "The Big Chance - Recognizing when the time is right" of Daring to Be Different: A Study on Deborah by Judith Couchman.

Daytime G.A.P. will meet Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. We will study Chapter 2: "Plain and Simple - Choosing to speak the Lord's words" and Chapter 3: "The Need to Lead - Stepping out when others won't." in our study of Deborah.

Join your Bellevue sisters for a time of fellowship, study and prayer as we learn from the life of this Old Testament woman who, chosen by God, stepped out of an ordinary life to be the spiritual leader, secular judge and military commander of Israel. What is the Lord calling you to do? The examples from Deborah may help prepare you. If you have any questions or need more information please speak to Ruth Davies or Louise Quillin.

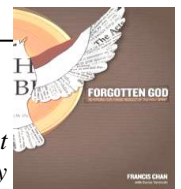


COLLEGE & CAREER BIBLE STUDY

MONDAY EVENINGS, SEPT 12TH & SEPTEMBER 26TH

"Francis Chan reminds us of the true source of the church's power-the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for far too long, and that without Him, we operate in our own strength, only accomplishing human-sized results."

All College and Career age folks are reminded of a wonderful time of fellowship and Bible study available on Monday evenings at the home of Alex and Jody Melson (13 Poplar St., Gordonville). If you are interested or have questions please see Alex or Jody or Pippi Villa.





Pippi Villa

I have a large family perspective into the oil industry. My father in law, Bill, has been a trucker for Marathon Oil (Midwest chain) for over 20 years. My dad is a maintainer for one of the continent's largest crude oil transportation line, where he works at their Chicago regional location. I worked for the same company for two consecutive summers as a laborer – and still have the fire retardant clothes to prove it. My mother has been at the crude oil transportation pipeline for over 10 years and has worked hard to become the Chicago Region Accountant.

Working with the oil industry, like with many other industries, one thing is never ending: meetings. Whether it's to discuss maintenance, safety guidelines, proper procedures, changes to policies, environmental protection or anything in between, my parents spend a large amount of time around a conference table. That which is discussed at such meetings is important, valuable information to aid them in completing their job correctly. Much effort is put into presentations, notes, and agendas all to go over how to properly do their work. But in the end, valid time spent handing out plans of how to appropriately do their job consumes much of just that – their job. The great deal of time spent talking about what one should be doing consumes the actual time of doing it. In the workplace, it becomes the catch 22 that many people, not just my parents, deal with.

After returning from the many trips this summer, all of which were both mission minded and spiritually encouraging, I have began to ponder how a similar problem faces us in our faith. It is really easy to talk and meet and discuss the vital thoughts, behaviors, and disciplines that are crucial to being a Christian. It's simple to take time & talk about how to show Jesus' love, respond to Christ's forgiveness, or aim to bring God glory. These conversations are important to have; they are valid in intention and in content. Yet what is vital is that we don't simply take time meeting to talk about it. We should then capture what we learn, or often already know, and take the actual time of doing it.

I can see this flowing into even a Sunday Morning service. I often do the children's sermon and the kids regularly have wonderful answers for how we can love others, show kindness, follow God, worship God, and grow in our faith. Their answers are often simple things we all know to do. In the same moment, do we leave them as holy conversations without follow up actions? Do we spend all of our time talking about what it means to aim at holiness, pursue righteousness,

and glorify God without actually doing what we are talking about?

Back to this past summer; there is not a single principle, teaching, action, service, or behavior exhibited by myself and others on our mission trips, camp, or Creation that cannot be directly taken and implemented into daily faith. All of the services we offered Greenview or Lynn, MA are equally valid in Lancaster County. Each speaker at Creation or camp offered biblical teachings that we should take beyond the spiritual high and into the discipline of our faith here at home. None of these events were designed to be meetings where we discuss and develop our faith but then leave without intentionally putting in time for the work when we get home.

So here is my thought – are we all talk? If we only gather as a pep rally Sunday mornings without any follow through in actually being kind to our neighbor, loving our enemies, reading God's Word, praying and bringing God glory then we have yet to be transformed by our faith. Romans 12 is commonly referred to when discussing this transforming power. Take some time and study this passage. Take note of verses 9 through 21. It contains lots of action words and little talk. Being a Christian is more than agreeing to a belief system. It is more than talking about what we should be doing. It's being a tangible difference in a broken world.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY



All current high school students are invited to join in on the weekly high school bible studies at Bellevue. They will be starting back up Wednesday, September 14th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Both a high school girls and a high school guys study are offered. Come on and check it out!

YOUTH LEADER TRAINING SATURDAY, SEPT. 24TH

Any adults working with junior and senior high teens are encouraged to attend a communitywide training event Saturday, September 24th so mark your calendars. The training will go from 8:30 a.m. until around 2:00 p.m. and will be held at Calvary Monument Church. There will be a variety of different speakers and workshops offered throughout the day. Lunch is included and the event is FREE!! If you are planning to attend, please let Pippi Villa know by Sunday, September 11th.



Michael Wehn



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY THANK YOU

We just want to thank you again for a great summer! We went to summer camp with the kids in kindergarten through fifth grade, on a Jr. High Mission trip to Greenview Bible Camp, to Creation, hosted Vacation Bible School, went on a Sr. High Mission trip to Boston, led Bible studies for our Senior High youth, held Kingdom Kids on Wednesday nights, Children's church and Sunday School, went to Dorney Park and went to some of the youths' houses for youth group. Wow! And we could not have done any of this without an army of faithful and God loving volunteers as well as a great group of kids and youth! Praise be to God for the wonderful blessings we at Bellevue have received.

KINGDOM KIDS

Resumes Sept 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Kingdom Kids kicks off a new school year on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. We will be celebrating with a special snack, crafts and a fun theme. It will also be ***Crazy Hair Night***. Come with something crazy done to your hair and you will get a prize!



Invite your friends, neighbors and family. Kingdom Kids is open to anyone in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for prayer, singing, Bible lessons, games and snack. We occasionally have craft nights as well. If your child would like a free Kingdom Kids tee-shirt, we have them in many sizes and a few different colors.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sunday mornings during 10:45 a.m. service

We have so much fun every Sunday with the kids who are 4 years old through second grade. During the 10:45 a.m. worship service they get to come downstairs after the children's sermon and come back up to the sanctuary during the closing hymn. In between the kids sing songs, hear a bible story, learn a bible verse, and are taught a bit about how to act during worship and why we act this way.



The fourth and fifth graders will begin meeting this September once a month to get to know each other better, have fun and grow in the Lord. Help us get the word out by inviting your friends and by joining us the third Sunday of every month.

Our first gathering will be
September 18th
Meet at the church at 5:15 p.m.
We will be going to play
Miniature golf (cost \$4.75)
at The Village Greens in Strasburg.

NEW HOLLAND FAIR

For the past two years Bellevue has won Best Religious Float in the New Holland Fair Parade. This was due to the enthusiasm of our Kingdom Kids and a great group of people who donated items, designed and built the float. The one problem we had last year was a late start time so we have decided to take a year off entering a float in the New Holland Fair Parade. For little kids it was just too late of a night. This year we encourage you to go to the parade so Kingdom Kids will not meet on September 28th. We hope to build a float in 2012.



NURSERY NEWS

Bellevue continues to be blessed with adorable babies. Let us show how much we appreciate this gift by donating our time to help out in the Nursery. We could use adult help, especially during second service. Please contact Chris Manning, our nursery coordinator, if you are interested.

If you cannot help out in the nursery maybe you could help out by donating a new item on the Nursery wish list. Talk with Chris Manning if you have something you would like to donate.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

September 2011

Chris Manning, Nursery Coordinator
(717) 442-0773



September 4th

8:00 a.m. Tim & Michelle Doutrich
10:45 a.m. Duane & Tammy Groff

September 11th

8:00 a.m. Denise Byler
10:45 a.m. Jason & Becky Poole

September 18th

8:00 a.m. Jody Melson
10:45 a.m. Dana Snyder & Bonnie Pryma

September 25th

8:00 a.m. Lori Garfinkle
10:45 a.m. Rich & Robin Buch

Dear Bellevue Church Members,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. I'm sure this helped in my recovery. I am doing much better and will be returning to work soon.

Christine Quill (friend of John and Linda Perella)

This comes especially to say "Thank you very much!" Thank you for the prayers and meals when I had my surgery!

Love, Patti Bitts

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your kind gesture and gift while our Luke battles for his health. We feel the positive support and prayers are helping Luke every day. He has battled challenges daily and we feel he draws strength from the support he is receiving. Thank you for your kindness.

Scott, Connie and Luke Carney

To Bellevue Family and Friends,

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns for my mother, Betty Brubaker.

Love, Retta J. Brubaker Kline

We want to say thanks to all at Bellevue for the thoughts and prayers. We can never get enough prayers and I want to let you know your prayers are welcomed to the fullest. From our travels we have made friends all over the states and find that we have friends and their church families praying for me and for my husband as he has become my caregiver. We know God will give us the strength to endure what lies ahead so we just live one day at a time and praise Him for everyday He give me with my family and friends. Thanks so much to all.

Sincerely, Betty Jean and George Wallace (friends of Anna Drumm)

Bellevue Family,

Bea and I wish to give our thanks for the beautiful floral arrangement from the church which were given by Junie and Sherrill Blank.. We also thank Sue and Frank Rotella for the friendly visit when they delivered the flowers. Thank you and God bless you all.

Bea and Vince Eby

Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and visits since my surgery. All are greatly appreciated.

God bless you,
Bud See

Berd and Sandy Hershey would like to thank Rev. Davies for his visits and especially for being at the hospital waiting room at the time of our arrival on August 1st as we prepared for Berd's hip replacement surgery. It made us feel like a million bucks to know that Bud put this on his schedule and was there for us as friend, listener, comforter and our pastor who so tenderly prayed with us. (Just to clarify about the "million bucks" – we never came close to having any experience in knowing what that is like financially, but emotionally – Bud's being there was one of those great moments).

To our church family thank you ever so much for your prayers and for the cards and phone calls which lifted our spirits. It is now two weeks post-op and the staple stitches are out and recovery is on track.

Thank you also for your prayers for Sandy's mom who is now living at the Quarryville Presbyterian Home skilled nursing section. Her health is stable and she is adjusting to her new home.

Peace, Love and Blessings,
Berd and Sandy

Dear Bellevue Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your donations of money and supplies. They are much appreciated. We always use a lot of baby items so thank you for them.

Deborah and Jamier Foresman –House of His Creation



WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

September 2011

September 4th

7:30 a.m. Norris and Darlene Shirk
10:00 a.m. Lewis and Margie Ingles

September 11th

7:30 a.m. Jeff and Cindy Hogg
10:00 a.m. Tony and Gwenyth Perella

September 18th

7:30 a.m. Peggy Stauffer and Denise Byler
10:00 a.m. Rich and Sally Riehl

September 25th

7:30 a.m. John and Linda Perella
10:00 a.m. Sam and Marie Smoker

THE FACTORY MINISTRIES



On Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 5:30 p.m., Calvary Church (Lancaster) will host the 8th annual Dale Albright Memorial Dinner & Concert to benefit The Factory. Harmony and the Hagans Family will share their talent with us once again. This date is also the weekend for the retreat, but if you have no plans for the day or are not at the retreat, please consider joining us for an evening of good food and music. Tickets may be purchased for \$15 in the church office or if you have any questions, please see Denise Byler or Louise Quillin.

The Factory would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Our amazing God has brought us together and He continues to work in each one of us. The Auction brought in just under \$29,000. Thank you and may the Lord bless each one of you.

CHATTERBOX



SAVE THESE DATES

Oct. 16 - 4:00 p.m.
Lancaster Marimba Ensemble Concert

October 16-23.
Ministry Fair

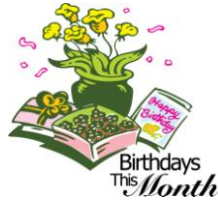
October 22 -4:00 p.m.
Italian Dinner Night

November 6 – 4:00 p.m.
Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?

December 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Pequea Valley Chamber Singers Concert

BIRTHDAYS

September 7th Jim Nixon
September 10th Violet Baker (102)
September 24th Ralph Hartranft
September 28th Arlene Hartranft



HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Lancaster General Hospital – Dick Stauffer
Berd Hershey
John Harsh
Ephrata Hospital – Bev Good

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to:

Bud Zimmerman on the passing of his wife, Red (Dorothy) on July 10, 2011.

The family of Betty Brubaker who passed away on July 24, 2011.

Bill and Alice Wallace on the passing of Bill’s sister, Fay Mawhinney, on July 31, 2011.



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Annie Blank
Bud Davies
Kristine Hileman
Alex Melson
Pippi Villa
Cristi Hahn
Vera Graham
Mary Lyle
Louise Quillin

Denise Byler
Ruth Davies
Chris Manning
Gary Snyder
Mike Wehn
Trudy Ardrey
Sherlyn Gregg
John Harsh
Monica Labiak

COLLEGE GRADUATES CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Ashlee Hershey who graduated from Simmons College in Boston with a Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Sciences.

Congratulations to Chad Hogg who graduated from Lehigh University in July with a PhD. He goes on now to teach at Ursinis College.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

All articles for the **OCTOBER 2011 newsletter** are due in the office by **September 15th**. If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, please forward to Louise Quillin or leave in her mailbox at the church. Articles can also be forwarded via e-mail to bellevue@epix.net. Thank you.

Fall Semester begins
Sunday September 4^t, 9:30 a.m.



**JOIN US FOR
 SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings
Why come to Sunday School?
 Great teachers and superb topics for study
 Fellowship with brothers and sisters
 Coffee and snacks
 We will save you a seat!
**Don't just drop the kids off....come and join in
 lively discussions and learning**

30-Something Class
Christianity Explored

Teachers: Duane Roelands and Andrew Johnson

Letting the Gospel tell the gospel. What a novel approach to understanding Christianity. This class will attempt to do just that. This is an introduction to Christianity for some while it is a refresher class on the basics for others. Christianity Explored will go through the Gospel of Mark exploring the identity, mission and call of Jesus – who he is, why he came and what it means to follow him. There is plenty of time to ask questions and discuss the claims of Jesus and their implications for our lives.

Elective 1

Meeting the Holy Spirit

Teachers: Howard Parmer and Gary Snyder

Who is the Holy Spirit? How does he change our lives? How does he work in the world? We will look to scripture to examine these and other critical questions. You will see that the Spirit of God is eager to work in your life to draw you closer to God. We will be working with a LifeGuide Bible study guide as well as additional sources.

Elective 3

Joshua

Teachers: Margaret Burns and Ruth Davies

The Old Testament book of Joshua reads like an exciting novel--from the miraculous crossing of the Jordan to the crash of the walls of Jericho and the sun stopping in the sky. Through all the twists and turns, you'll witness God's power and faithfulness. Digging into the story of Joshua will encourage you to persevere in your own daily battles and arm you with the most powerful weapons you'll ever need--God's promises.

Elective 2

Faith Lessons; a Video Series

Teachers: Rob Shaubach and Paul Burns

This class will meet in the library and is a video series. Filmed on location, *Faith Lessons* is an in-depth tour of the buried, distant or otherwise forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. From this cultural perspective, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan challenges long-held Western assumptions about eve the most well-known Scripture passages. Well done as both entertainment and as a Bible study. The two videos in the series we will be looking at are titled: *On the Life and Ministry of the Messiah* and *On the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah*.



NEW ORLEANS IN NOVEMBER
MISSION TRIP
NOVEMBER 5th – 13th

Please remember the team in prayer as they prepare for the mission trip through gatherings of prayer and work projects around the church and community.

Current Team members:

Alex Melson	Rob Baney	Mike Wehn
Roland Berthoud	Mary Ann Berthoud	Chris Horst
Anissa Maholland	Chris Mann	Rob Bitts
Phil Castor	Beckie Castor	Vernon King
Duane Roelands	Shari Englerth	Sam Smoker
Frank Rotella	Richard Melson	Jeff Heagy
Howard Parmer	Evelyn Herr	Megan Stern
Chris Manning (?)	Evan Davies (?)	Tim Doutrich
Jody Melson	Jim Bookhamer	



Please forward by email or postal mail your college student's address to the church office so we can keep in touch with them. Thank you.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session News – August 18, 2011

Approved account balances and current assets reports for June and July.

Session approved the purchase of a Lanier copier to be placed in the vicinity of the Director of Christian Education's office in the Kennedy Room. This will allow for teachers to have available a reliable high-speed copier in place of the current copier, which will be moved to the Library to replace the dinosaur copier, which has ceased to work.

Received following committee reports:

Building – work on Mike Wehn's office is almost complete. The shed being constructed by the New Orleans Mission Group should be completed by the weekend. Session approved an estimate of \$8998.00 from Fisher's Construction to install low-e storm windows and Plexiglas arches on the eight stained glass windows on the west and south walls of the Sanctuary.

Christian Education - the fall Kick-off for Kingdom Kids is September 14th. Helping with Children's Church this year will be Andrew and Stephanie Johnson, Robin Buch, Lori Garfinkle, and Rob Baney, along with Youth Pastor Pippi Villa and Christian Education Director Mike Wehn. Session approved Elisa Parmer to take Anne Kane's place in the Senior High class. Another teacher is still needed for the 3rd and 4th grade. Backpack blessing for children returning to school will be August 28th. Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday is scheduled for September 11. Topics for the Adult Elective Sunday School Classes were announced, see separate article.

Youth Ministry activities will kick-off September 11 with "Minute to Win It" games led by Dave Doutrich. Youth Leader Training continues on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The procedure for renewing and first-time background checks was discussed and approved, those to begin this month.

Mission and Stewardship Committee - the fall trip to Ukholovo has been postponed until possibly next spring. This is not a good time to visit, as it is our Russian Brothers busiest time of the year.

Worship – Communion participation of 66 persons at the July 3, 2011 8:00 service and 107 received Communion at the 10:45 service, for a total of 173. A total of 216 received Communion at the August 7, 2011 services, 75 at 8:00 and 131 at 10:45.

Elder Roland Berthoud and the Pastor reported on the 31st General Assembly of the EPC. It was encouraging to be excited about our new denomination. Held in Cordova, Tennessee, at Hope Church, our commissioners marveled at the size and spaciousness of the building(s). It was huge!

30 new churches were welcomed.. Two new Presbyteries were formed: The Presbytery of the Allegheny, split from the Presbytery of the East, and re alignment of the Presbytery of the West, those states west of the Mississippi. A significant comment on the proceedings was that EPC is very serious about examining pastors (Teaching Elders) and Ruling Elders. How refreshing!

The Pastor reported the deaths of members **Dorothy L. Zimmerman**, July 10, 2011, and **Elizabeth S. Brubaker**, July 24, 2011.

The Pastor reported the July 10, 2011 baptism of **Riley Olivia Harter**, daughter of Charles and Amy (Summers) Harter, born May 2, 2011.

Session approved a revision to the Student Loan Committee By-Laws.

Session officially acted to extend an invitation for the POTE of the EPC to meet at Bellevue on April 27th and 28th, 2012.

The Ministry Fair is scheduled for October 16th to 23rd, with a benefit Italian Dinner on the evening of October 22nd to help with expenses of the Adult New Orleans Mission trip.

Session acted to set regular building hours when the church will be open and unarmed:

Sunday – 7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

The church will be open for evening meetings and activities as needed. Summer hours may vary. These hours will increase the security and safety of the building and anyone within.

John Perella, Clerk



ALL LADIES!

Save the Dates of April 20-21, 2012

AMONG FRIENDS!

Ladies' Retreat scheduled with great speakers,
music and fun.

Watch for more details in the issues ahead!

Need a little encouragement, hope and joy in your world? Jesus surrounded himself with his close friends for a reason.