

Revelations

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202

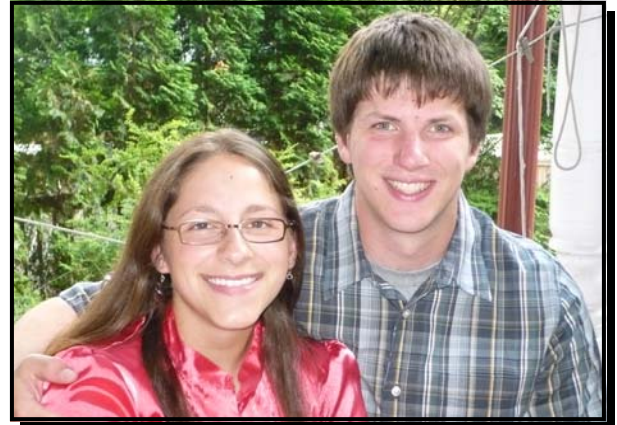
Community Presbyterian Welcomes New Youth Director Mike Mullin To Begin August 1, 2008

- by Clair Cranville, Christian Education Committee Chair

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon is pleased to introduce Mike Mullin as the Youth and Young Adult Director for 2008-09. He will be joining us on August 1st and will share responsibilities with Todd Tracy during his last month before leaving for Princeton seminary.

Mike is a familiar face to many of us; he has served as coordinator of children's activities at our All-Church Retreats these past few years [and got rave reviews from everyone!] He comes to CPCBA as a recent graduate with Bachelors of Arts degrees in Christian Education and in Music from Westminster College. In a sense, he is returning home, as he was raised in Ingomar United Methodist Church and attended North Allegheny High School. Mike has earned the Eagle Scout Award and the Youth Leader of the Month Award. At Westminster College, he was the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships, including the Louis Armstrong Award, the Vance Scholars Award, the Music Activity Grant, the Van Dyke McClure Music Scholarship, the Dr. W. Don McClure Religion Scholarship, and the Mary McKinney Eichenauer Bible Award.

An experienced youth leader, he has served as Director of Youth Ministries at Third Presbyterian Church in New Castle since 2006. Mike is not only an accomplished musician [percussion and piano], but is also a ropes course instructor. He has facilitated adventure education programs and is currently compiling a Christian-based Adventure Education resource book.



Mike and Nadia Mullin

Mike has had an eventful summer; in addition to graduating and accepting a new job, he is a newlywed! He and his wife, Nadia, were just married at the end of May. Nadia is in her third and last year at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and they will reside at the Seminary.

He will be 'learning the ropes' (pun intended) from Todd Tracy in August and will assist with summer youth activities, Vacation Bible School, and worship. When school starts in September, Mike will lead the middle school and senior high youth in ministry and together with the Christian Education Committee will be developing a college/post-college young adult program.

Mike is very excited to be joining our Community Church family... as are we!



AHOY MATIES!

**Vacation Bible Ship
Registration Form Enclosed...**

Deadline to Register is July 27!

ON-LINE REGISTRATION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.



My View on Church Avenue

- by Pastor Carol Divens Roth

Dear Friends,

How can I thank thee? Let me count the ways. As I prepare to end this interim time with you, I thank God and you for the "thaw."

February of '07 was icy, sleety, snowy, and freezing. I'm sure that it mirrored the feelings of many of you, still in sorrow and shock after Brent Dugan's death. Yet you managed to be welcoming, and together we began to look toward the future.

Things began to warm up quickly as you plunged into Presbyterian alphabet soup and elected a PNC (pastoral nominating committee) to do a mission study and create a CIF (church information form) to attract pastors to send their PIFs (pastoral information form, or, dossier). The PNC was a constant glow on the horizon, meeting weekly and more to discern who God was calling as the next pastor. By your vote for Page Creach, you obviously agreed.

Your hard-working staff carried on with customary aplomb, making ministry happen, putting forth an A+ effort. Barbara, Claire, David, Jean, Mary Susan, Melanie, Todd, thank you, thank you, thank you.

You have said thank you to Claire Wilwohl for her 28 years in a staff role. Next, you'll send Todd Tracy off to seminary to answer his call to ordained ministry and you'll be his care-givers for the ensuing four years at Princeton. You will welcome Mike Mullin to fill Todd's carpet-ball tourney slot as well as bring his unique gifts to youth and young adult ministry. You showed your gratitude to Jean Henderson for her vital role here.

The Session and its committees saw to it that

education was enhanced, that we were fed in every way with fellowship, worship was vibrant, and the building and grounds were improved. (The greatest thaw of all – heat in the main floor ladies room!) Peter Herchenroether is the clerk every Session should have.

In so many ways the culmination of the past year and a half may have been Faith in Action (FIA) Sunday, with more than 200 people turning outward to shine the Light of the World on our neighborhood, city, region, and the world. As part of the mission study, this church identified healing for those broken by life circumstances as a top priority. I know that there were some people who after November, 2006, wondered if they and the church could overcome brokenness. FIA did bring a large measure of healing to both those who served and those who were served.

In Christ's resurrection appearances, he still bore the wounds, but he was alive. Life was victorious over death. It is our certainty. It's what makes it possible for me to leave here with a sure sense that the Body of Christ, known as CPCBA, will go on to bring healing and hope and you will find ways to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

I will miss you like crazy. If I started to name you all, we'd have to kill a few forests to print this Revelations. I'm grateful that you fit very neatly into my heart. Thank you for your faithfulness and for the welcome that you have given to this stranger –and her family.

Blessings on the ministry you do with Page to show the love, justice and warmth of Jesus Christ to the places and people who need the thaw.

Shalom

Don't miss the Boat! The Vacation Bible Ship is Sailing, August 11-15th.

Registration Deadline is July 27.

Ahoy Maties! Our Vacation Bible School with "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything" begins August 11th at 5:30 p.m. If you haven't signed on board you'd better hoist yer sails before July 27th or you'll be swabbin' the deck! We have a week of plenty of blarney and boatloads of learning about Bible Heroes with a crew of good-hearted Pirates. Your whole family can be a part! The fee for your passage will be \$15 doubloons per person with a maximum of \$40 per family.

Kids Pre-K thru 5th grade will have Bible adventures, games, music, a science lab and clever crafts to help float yer faith. We'll also have shipmates to care for the little wee ones during class. Adults will have time of their own to explore their faith and real life connection in our adult forum tailored especially for you and led by a team of Hearties, including yer new 'Captain', Pastor Creach.

Each night the Galley will open for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and we'll sail off to class from 6-8, then it's back to your cabin for 40 winks. Classes are Monday thru Thursday evenings. Friday night will be a Celebration Party and also a Farewell for Todd Tracy, our Youth Director, who is setting sail for new waters.

All are welcome to VBS. **Kids are NOT a requirement to attend!** There's something for everyone. You can complete and mail in or drop off the enclosed Registration Form.

CPCBA Extends a Hearty Congratulations to All Graduating Members of CPCBA

We at CPCBA would like to extend congratulations to all our members who graduated this spring from High School and Institutes of Higher Education. We are proud of each one of you as you transition into new stages of life. Please know that your church family will be praying for you and supporting you in your next steps.

This years **High School Graduates** are one of the first groups to have had all six of their “youth group years” with Todd. They have been a very special class. Particularly during their Middle School years, they were wonderful evangelists inviting dozens of their friends and classmates to be a part of our youth group and church. They were a strong confirmation class and have continued to be involved in our church family over the years. This year’s graduates include:

From Avonworth High School:

- MARK BARLEK—University of Pittsburgh
- LAURA CRANVILLE—Penn State University
- KATIE DEVERTS—University of Pittsburgh Greensburg
- DAN HEDGLIN—Slippery Rock University
- BEN HERCHENROETHER—Lafayette College
- AUTUMN HUBERT—Robert Morris University

From Northgate High School:

- JEFFREY HOUSER, JR.—Attending Westminster College

From Sewickley Academy:

- BEN THOMAS—Ohio Wesleyan University

We also had two members who have graduated from **Institutes of Higher Education**. This is a wonderful accomplishment, and we are very proud of them.

- SARAH COGLAN—Graduated in December 2007 from Penn State University
- TYLER PETERS—Graduated from University of Pittsburgh Johnstown
- COURTNEY RICE – Received a J.D. from Georgetown Law School
- JOEL SKERLONG – Graduated from Lehigh University

Please take any and all opportunities to congratulate and encourage these graduates!

Address Information for Member Bob Hedglin Currently in Active Service in Iraq

Member Bob Hedglin is currently in active service at Balad Air Base in Iraq until January 2009.

His email address is robert.hedglin@blab.afcent.af.mil.

And, his mailing address is:
 Lt Col Robert Hedglin
 332 EAEF
 APO AE 09315-9997



Reservation Deadline for CPCBA All-Church Bus Trip Extended to July 31, 2008

See the Bible come to life at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA Friday and Saturday September 5 and 6, 2008

See and experience great stories of the Bible through **two** spectacular shows filled with dozens of gifted actors, elaborate sets and costumes, live animals, and incredible special effects.

- 1 *In the Beginning*—an epic musical that brings Creation to life!
- 2 *Abraham & Sarah-A Journey of Love*

Package Includes: Deluxe transportation. One night’s lodging at *Country Inn of Lancaster*, family style dinner at *Plain and Fancy Restaurant*, Admission tickets to the theatres, buffet breakfast at the hotel, visit to *Kitchen Kettle Village*, baggage handling and taxes.

Your cost on the trip is for lunch on the way to Lancaster and dinner on the way back home.

Trip Itinerary:

- Depart: Friday, September 5 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Return: Saturday, September 6 @ 4:00 p.m.
- (Approx. Return Home Time: 10:00 p.m.)

Price Per Person: (based on 35 passengers)

Single Occupancy	\$325.00
Double Occupancy	\$269.00
Triple Occupancy	\$245.00
Quad Occupancy	\$235.00

A deposit of \$50.00 is required for each reservation and should be mailed to Sandy Stauffer, 24 Penhurst Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Make checks payable to CPCBA writing BUS TRIP on the memo line.
 A registration form can be obtained by calling the church office at 412-761-1233.
 If you have any questions, call Sandy Stauffer at 412-761-0704 or email at esstauff@verizon.net.

Session Approves New Safety Policy

New keys and a crash bar added to the Rostrevor entrance are ways of increasing the security of people and property. Session now has an additional safety policy: all volunteers should restrict their use of the building for meetings and projects to the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The building is to be locked and the alarm set overnight. Thanks for staying safe.

Faith in Action Day, Sunday June 8 Is a Tremendous Success Over 200 Members, Friends and Neighbors Participate

Kate Colville, Faith in Action Chair

June 8th, 2008 was a landmark day in our Church's history. With sanctuary doors closed, we took to the streets - to serve others - in our community and around the world - on our first Faith in Action Sunday. Well over 200 congregation members, friends, and neighbors came out, on an intemperately hot Sunday, demonstrating their FAITH IN ACTION.

In Fellowship Hall, artists, stamped out over 100 beautiful and thoughtful cards for children at AGH-Suburban, shut-ins, our kids in Malawi, and our service men and women. Sewing machine's hummed with activity, as Gail Buchanan oversaw the completion of dignity robes for radiation treatment patients at AGH. Scrub sets were assembled for clients of Pittsburgh Action Against Rape. And many other volunteer's fingers were busy cutting and tying fleece to make blankets for the pediatric patients at AGH-Suburban Campus. Faith in Action blankets will help bring cheer and comfort to these patients and their families - tucked in each blanket is a handmade get-well card.

In Avalon, paint brushes were busy at North Suburban Adult Services on Home Avenue. Of the 35 volunteers on this project, many were families and youth. Deb Sadowski and Walt Robertson, the project's leaders, were overwhelmed by the amount of work their team was able to accomplish in one day. The seniors will be happily surprised to find a fresh coat of paint on the walls, a clean kitchen, and a new border in the bathrooms when they arrive for their next luncheon.

When the men at the Pleasant Valley Men's Shelter came for their meal Monday night, June 9th, (served by the Buchanan's and Stauffers), they were greeted with a newly landscaped front entrance, and a clean kitchen complete with a newly painted hood over the stove. Merle Culley and her crew dug, planted, mulched, scrubbed, and painted. John Buchanan installed a new padlock and cleaned up the garbage area.

As many of you know, the 2nd UP Church of Wilkinsburg has become our "sister church". We've donated backpacks and children's books in past years to children in that fine community. On Faith in Action Sunday, twenty four of our volunteers attended church, shared lunch and fellowship with 2nd UP members before getting to work - digging, preparing, planting and mulching a new shade garden on church grounds. Plants were donated by many of our members. From our very youngest volunteer, Miranda Chrvala to our most senior volunteer, Marj Simonds - a little sweat, fellowship, and fun were had by all while working to beautify, and further dignify, the 2nd UP property.

The Avon Park project, a true community project, was purposefully scheduled to coincide with our Church's Faith in Action Sunday. A total of nearly 70 volunteers put in a strenuous morning of work under extraordinarily hot and humid weather conditions. Volunteers power-washed the playground equipment and the adjoining fence, performed a major cleanup at the pedestrian entrance from Walnut Road, and cleared a forest of tall, stubborn weeds from a long stretch of the slope below Perrysville Avenue. Perhaps, most importantly, their efforts laid the groundwork for future improvements - removing illegally dumped materials from the Walnut Road end of the park, and planting trees in the cleared area below Perrysville Avenue. Their "sweat equity," in the form of donated labor, also helped Ben Avon Borough meet its commitment for local contributions - vital to a \$51,600 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Throughout the morning, participants gained strength through each other's energy, excitement, and enthusiasm. Many of us were inspired by three generations of one family, working side by side: Herb McLuckie, his daughter Jennifer Gould, and Jennifer's 3 children!

Up the road at Sewickley's Masonic Village (CPCBA North), forty volunteers (15 CPCBA members and twenty five Masonic Village residents) increased their awareness of the AIDS crisis in Africa and dedicated themselves to making a difference - fifty AIDS Caregiver Kits were assembled in lightning speed by the volunteers. Caregiver Kit project leader, Barbara Koch, organized bus transportation for her volunteers to enable them to take part in the Celebration dinner and service at the church.

It is amazing what we, as Christ's disciples, are able to accomplish when our hearts and hands are at work for him. We pray that each and every volunteer was as blessed by their experience as those we sought to serve. Our challenge in the months to come is to continue to put our FAITH IN ACTION on a daily basis - to look for ways to be the "good Samaritan," to focus our lens outwards, to seek opportunities to serve others. We hope that this is the first Annual Faith in Action day for CPCBA. As we take to the pews each Sunday, let us remember to BE the church - that we might be a beacon of hope and light in the community, drawing people to Christ.

Faith in Action month would not have been possible without the hard work of many in the church, from the project leaders, the Outreach committee, and our staff, to those who donated supplies, provided child care, or led a Wednesday evening bible study session. Each and every volunteer made this a success.

Thanks to every one of you for your service.

A BIG Thank You to All of our Volunteers Who Helped Make Our Faith in Action Day a Great Success!

Carolyn Abramowich	Patrick Cronin	Mary Louise Fowkes	Patty Latshaw	Royce Rice
Katie Abramowich	Walt Cronin	Bill Freeman	Libby Lloyd	Betty Richardson
Patrick Abramowich	Merle Culley	Annie Gould	Dominic Lucchinio	Lyn Robertson
Susan Abramowich	Casey Cunningham	Ed Gould	James Lucchino	Walt Robertson
Tad Abramowich	Woody Cunningham	Jennifer Gould	Jennifer Lucchino	Dorothy Rohall
Betsy Allyn	Clayton Cuteri	John Gould	Bob Lyons	Mark Roth
Jane Angelini	Jan Davis	Katie Gould	B. J. Manzinger	Deb Sadowski
Barbara Barcoucky	Mark Davis	Marge Grady	Joe Manzinger	Aaron Schmitt
Len Barcoucky	Olivia Davis	Jan Frisch's *Serge*	Gene McBride	Isaac Schmitt
Peter Barcoucki	Joe Dawley	Marie Hamilton	Jane McCormick	Lisa Schmitt
Virginia Barnes	Andrew Deen	Nancy Hamilton	Herb McLuckie	Paula Signorio-Richter
Lue Bartlett	Madison Deen	Judy Hay	Marge McLuckie	Beth Simon
Janice Barry	Yassiris Deen	Angela Hedglin	Barbara McKelway	Molly Simon
Justine Barry	Austin DeSimone	Jean Henderson	Lori McSteen	Marjory Simonds
Bonnie Bell	Jane DeSimone	Amy Herchenroether	Brenda Mellon	Bob Snyder
Shelby Bell	Michael DeSimone	Ben Herchenroether	Brooke Mellon	Carlos Snyder
Clark Bernauer	Victor DeSimone	Dan Herchenroether	Chloe Mellon	Frank Sommerville
Gail Bernauer	Kristin Dillon	Sue Herchenroether	Jessie Mellon	Ed Stauffer
Grant Bernauer	Lee Dillon	Wendy	Steve Mellon	Sandy Stauffer
Hanna Bernauer	Ross Dillon	Herchenroether	Daphnie Milam	Carol Stephenson
Elaine Brunner	Catherine Dismukes	Jeff Houser, Jr.	Amanda Miller	Tom Stephenson
Gail Buchanan	Evan Dismukes	Kristine Houser	Isaac Miller	Ruth Stevens
John Buchanan	Susan Dismukes	Jody Jackson	Leslie Miller	Andrew Theobald
Mary Jo Burkhead	Eva DiNino	Brian Jensen	Sarah Miller	Elle Theobald
Barbara Butcher	Tina DiNino	Lily Jensen	Tim Miller	Quinn Theobald
Ed Butcher	Carol Divens-Roth	Darryl Johnson	Patti Milliken	Tess Theobald
Laura Carroll	Mike Duff	Jim Johnson	Renee Miskimmin	Tracy Theobald
Andy Chrvala	Alan Edwards	Kayla Johnson	Christiana Mokube	Taye Townley
Dwight Chrvala	Sue Edwards	Staci Johnson	Henry Mokube, Sr.	Heather Tracy
Miranda Chrvala	Lynn Evans	Beth Joyce	Henry Mokube, Jr.	Todd Tracy
Jean Clem	Nancy Evans	Grace Joyce	Maureen Newcamp	Del Treese
Becky Coger	Bee Faux	Jacob Joyce	Laura Noker	Sadie Treese
Annie Colville	Ken Faux	Jesse Joyce	Mya North	Adam VanGorder
Kate Colville	Adda Ferguson	Tim Joyce	Owen North	Angela VanGorder
Robbie Colville	John Ferguson	Betty Lou Jordan	Pam North	Dave VanGorder
John Coulson	Trudy File	Barbara Koch	Ray North	Heather VanGorder
Pat Coulson	Katie Fink	John Koch	Riley North	John Warren
Abby Crilley	Carol Fisher	Alice Koehler	Becky Pool	Betty Webber
Kerry Crilley	Howard Fisher	Maureen Kowalski	Nathan Pool	RJ White
Kyle Crilley	Joanna Fitting	Emma Kurtz	Rachel Pool	Pat Whitney
Larry Crilley	Paul Fitting	Evan Kurtz	Ingrid Priestly	Claire Wilwohl
Matt Crilley	Judy Fockler	Henry Kurtz	Josh Priestly	Mary Witul
Helen Croft	Barret Fowkes	Rebecca Kurtz	Dave Reese	Keane Yarris
Lisa Cronin	Calder Fowkes	Jack Latshaw	Barbara Rice	Dane
Olivia Cronin	Doug Fowkes			



Thank you, too, to the many donors of coupons, fabric, garden tools, scrubs, shoes and money that made all of our projects possible.

Outreach Committee to Sponsor Annual Back-pack Drive for School Children at 2nd U.P. Church in Wilkinsburg - Return Filled Packs by August 3, 2008

The past two years we have provided back-packs filled with school supplies for children and youth. They will be distributed by the 2nd U.P. church in Wilkinsburg.

As we did last year, the Outreach Committee will be setting up a bulletin board in the narthex with removable

back-pack images on it. If you would like to help with this project watch for the bulletin board in early July and help yourself to one or more of the attached packs.

The supplies requested will be on the back. Then buy the packs, fill them with the supplies and return them to the church by August 3rd.

The church in Wilkinsburg has been very gracious and grateful for our help in the past, including the recent Faith in Action project. The small congregation is working hard with limited funds. They are doing a wonderful and creative job of providing for the community and building a visible presence there. They will certainly appreciate our help with the back-packs. The children who receive them will be able to hold their heads a bit higher as they go off to their first day of school. This project will make a difference for them.

Thank you for once again for contributing to a CPCBA outreach project.



July Upcoming Worship Services

July 6—The Rev. Bill Roemer, member of Pittsburgh Presbytery and president of Philanthropy, Inc., will be the guest preacher. Bill is also chair of the presbytery’s stewardship ministry team.

July 13—This service will be Carol’s last Sunday. There will be a time of fellowship and farewell following the worship service.

July 20—Todd Tracy, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, who will soon be on his way to Princeton Theological Seminary to prepare for ordained ministry, will preach. This will be an opportunity to hear the Word interpreted by this faithful servant of the church who has been endorsed by our Session in his exploration of his call to ministry.

July 27 – In a lovely bit of symmetry, Rev. Jean Henderson, who led the church with consummate grace right after Brent died, will lead worship to prepare the way for the arrival of Page Creach. Communion will also be served.



Thank You Notes

Dear friends at Community Church,

How blessed I am to have friends and family giving me the support our family needs during my illness. I’m grateful to your caring congregation for opening your heart to a neighbor like me. You are truly a community church who shares your faith with all of us.

Thank you.

Melissa Ronk

Editor’s note: You can still donate blood on behalf of Melissa by using the sponsor code ZRTN0357. (You do not have to be the same blood type—the donation will be credited to her account.)



Dear Members & Friends of CPCBA,

My thank yous will be never ending for making June 1, 2008 such a special day for me.

All the thoughts and planning were way beyond anything one could expect.

Your generous gifts were just wonderful and deserve more than just thank you.

We have shared many special times together both happy and sad.

I will always be thankful for our special friendships. God bless each of you and thank you again.

Always,
Claire Wilwohl

Flower Committee to Hold Its Next Meeting Sunday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. New Members Sought to Join

The Flower Committee will have its bi-annual meeting on Sunday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. following the worship service and coffee hour. Remember, this will be the first Sunday our new Pastor, Page Creach, will be in the pulpit, so I’m sure we will have a great crowd.

If you have been thinking about joining our flower committee, please feel welcome to come to this meeting! We’d love to have you and help you realize how easy and rewarding it is to add the beauty of flowers to God’s house of worship each Sunday. Hope to see you on August 3 following the coffee hour—and bring your calendars!

If you have any questions, call Judy Hay at 412-318-4998.



**Special Music on Sunday, July 20th to be Provided by a “Pick-Up” Choir
Now Is Your Chance to Give It a Try!**

- by Dave Anderson, Music Director

On Sunday morning July 20th special music will be provided by the CPCBA Pickup Choir.

What is a pickup choir?

A pickup choir is a musical ensemble comprised of anyone who would like to sing in a choir, if only for one day. Throughout the year people tell me that they would really like to sing in the choir but are unable because their lives are just too darn busy to commit to weekly rehearsals. In today’s way-too-fast--paced rat race that we call our lives, it is almost understandable.

Almost.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the 20th to learn a simple anthem which we will present at the 9:30 service. The objective for the morning is not to sound like

The Mendelssohn Choir, but to offer our best to God while enjoying the company of friends, family, and strangers. God has no more appreciation for the best choir in the world than he does the worst as long as their goal is to bring glory to his name.

Please lay your fears of singing in public in an imaginary rubbish pile. In the same pile place your “I don’t read music” fears. While we’re piling it higher and deeper, throw in “I have a lousy voice; no one would want to hear me sing.” If you’re still not convinced, reread the 3rd sentence of this article replacing the word “choir” with the word “singer.”

We hope to see you on July 20th. Bring a friend or if you are a really evolved Christian, *bring an enemy*.

Even I am pshawing at that one.

**Community Theatre Players to Produce “Harvey”
In October 2008**

Community Theatre Players will be producing "Harvey" by Mary Chase in October. Look for additional information in upcoming *Revelations* regarding auditions. If you are interested in helping behind the scenes, contact Mary Witul at (412) 734-2772



Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon Directory

Interim Pastor	Carol Divens Roth
Christian Education Director.....	Melanie Hughes-Holcomb
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries	Todd Tracy
Director of Music/Choir Director	David Anderson
Associate Music Director/Organist	Barbara McKelway
Administrative Assistant	Mary Susan Anderson
Clerk of Session	Peter Herchenroether
Treasurer	Ross Dillon
Trustees, President	Steve Mellon
Deacons, Chair.....	Andy Deen
Junior Church, Coordinator	Jan Davis
Wooden Ladder Preschool.....	Larry Skerlong
Financial Secretaries:.....	Barbara Barcousky
.....	Chuck Hamilton
.....	Deb Sadowski
Web Masters	Susan and Marty Houser

Committee Chairs:

Christian Education	Clair Cranville
Fellowship & Evangelism	Nancy Hamilton
Nominating Committee.....	Jennifer Knuth
Outreach.....	Judy Hay, Kate Colville
Property.....	Andy Kolenda
Stewardship & Finance	Wendy Herchenroether
Worship	June Weletz

Deacon Comfort and Joy Contacts

(for meal assistance, transportation, grief support, etc.)
Patti Timpani (412-766-1645) or Daryl Johnson (412-766-0895)

Deacons Visitation Ministry

Woody Cunningham (412-761-7154) or Ed Stauffer (412-761-0704)

(Please help the Deacons share the concern of our community by letting us know whether you, or a friend or family member, would welcome a visit. Requests can be made to any Deacon.)

Church Office Hours are Monday-Friday—9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

† Phone: 412-761-1233; 412-766-1800 † Fax: (412) 766-1801 † E-mail: cpcba@verizon.net † Web site: www.cpcba.com
Chapel is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for prayer and meditation.

**Community Presbyterian
Church of Ben Avon
Mission Statement:**

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon aspires to a greater service of God through a ministry mindful of the needs of our congregants, neighbors and, through the Presbyterian Church (USA), the world community.

We actively bind together this community of Jesus Christ through warm fellowship, inspiring worship, nurture, learning and a long, rich tradition.

We are led by the Holy Spirit to use our abundant blessings and diverse talents progressively for evangelism, discipleship, stewardship and mission.

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"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Revelation 22:21



**Adult Christian Education Field Trip to the Biblical Garden at Rodef Shalom
Wednesday, July 9—Tour Begins at 7:00 p.m.**

Eden, Gethsemane, the Resurrection...

Gardens! So many stories from the Bible take place in a garden.

Here's your opportunity to visit a world renowned Biblical Garden right here in Pittsburgh at Rodef Shalom in Oakland when the Adult Education Committee leads an adult field trip on Wednesday, July 9.

The Biblical Garden was established in 1987. It is the largest biblical botanical garden in North America (1/3 acre). Visitors are able to experience the land of the Bible in a setting that includes a waterfall, a desert, a stream and the Jordan, which meanders through the garden from Lake Galilee to the Dead Sea. All of the plants in the garden are labeled with biblical verses accompanying them. The garden features more than 100 temperate and tropical plants in addition to special new program plantings each year. See wheat, barley, millet and many herbs grown by the ancient Israelites along with olives, dates, pomegranates, figs & cedars.



WHEN:

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

WHERE:

Field Trip to Rodef Shalom
Guided Tour begins at 7:00 p.m.

GARDEN TOUR COST:

Free

DINNER:

Accompanied by dinner at Ali Baba's

CARPPOOL:

Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.
and carpool to Oakland

PLEASE RSVP:

Jane DeSimone
412-734-0290

