

Revelations

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Don't go to church June 8th!
Services cancelled for CPCBA!

**The Congregation is Asked to Participate in the
"Faith in Action Day" Instead**



Join with our whole *CPCBA* family for Faith in Action month, beginning on Sunday, May 18th. During this month we will focus on biblical compassion, service and Christ's heart for those in need through special small groups, daily devotionals and worship services. Then be a part of a landmark day in CPCBA's history, when on June 8th, we cancel both worship services and instead go worship *through* service in the community. We will all join together at the close of our day of for an evening celebration program.

We will be serving through these and other projects, all designed to directly touch lives and reflect Christ's love to others in our community:

- ◆ cleanup work at Avon Park
- ◆ painting and installation of railings at North Suburban Adult Services
- ◆ making and delivering fleece blankets for the babies and children who are patients at AGH – Suburban Campus
- ◆ assembling caregiver kits for families of persons with AIDS (a World Vision project)
- ◆ making Dignity Robes for women undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

Your Outreach Committee is continuing to search for a variety of mission opportunities to do that day. There will be a project for everyone, and we are shooting for 100% participation!

Be on the lookout for sign-up's for Faith in Action small groups and service projects in April/May. There will be a Faith in Action program for the children while older elementary, youth and adults participate in their small groups. There will be mission projects for all ages and abilities! Faith in Action Participant Kits, which will guide you through the small group discussion as well as daily FaithStep devotions, will be available soon for \$5 per person. Small Groups will start Wednesday, May 21st will run the following two Wednesdays, culminating in the Faith in Action Sunday on June 8th.

We are not just serving the community, but serving *with* the community. So please begin now to ask God which family members, friends or neighbors you should invite to join our service projects on June 8th. Together we can make a difference in our community!



Don't just go to church—BE the church during Faith in Action month.

For more information, call Kate Colville at (412) 486-2975 or e-mail at robjcolville@msn.com.

Hearing Aide Needed

We have had—and continue to have—some wonderful volunteers working the sound board for worship and special events. At the end of the school year, our current sound volunteer, Jeff Houser, Jr., will graduate and head off to college. **We need a replacement!** Two or more would be very helpful, so that they could be in a Sunday rotation. You don't need experience; Jeff and Todd can train you. This is primarily for the 10:30 a.m. service. See Pastor Carol or Todd Tracy for more information.



Dignity Robes Project

Hand-crafted robes are being made and given to women who are undergoing radiation treatment for breast cancer at West Penn Allegheny Health System.

Volunteers are asked to use 2 ½ yards of washable cotton that you cannot see through. Samples of fabric are available. A pattern and Velcro are provided.

The robes are returned to the Volunteer Office at AGH and each robe has a label on it that states it was made by a “caring volunteer” when it is given to her.

Each month there is need for 2 dozen new robes. The Team is hoping Community Church can provide many of these over the coming months.



How can you become involved?

- ◆ Make a DIGNITY ROBE
- ◆ Donate 2½ yards of washable COTTON fabric
- ◆ Donate MONEY for the Dignity Robe Project (make your check payable to CPCBA and mark “Dignity Robe” in the memo section.)
- ◆ Join us at CRAFT NIGHT and help cut out or sew robes (Next gathering is Sunday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m.)
- ◆ Participate in June at FAITH-IN-ACTION work day
- ◆ Save a coupon from JOANN’s to reduce fabric costs

Please contact a CPCBA Dignity Robe Team member if you can help.

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| Gail Buchanan | 412-734-2050 |
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Update on WINGS Program

In January of 2007, the Fellowship and Evangelism Committee initiated a new program for joining members.



“WINGS”, is an acronym standing for Welcome, Invite, Nurture, Guide, and Support for a new member during their first year at Community Church.

As a WING you will be asked to keep in touch with the new member/family during the year, ideally forming a friendship through God’s love and church that will last a lifetime. If you are asked to be part of WINGS, please say YES! The newest class that joined in March already have WINGS, but as a congregation we are all WING to each other.

Gail Buchanan 412-734-2050



by Deacon Douglas Tjelmeland

Keeping up with our Deacons

Active as nature turning to Spring, our Deacons are keeping pace. March brought in on Monday, March 10th from 8:30 till 10:00 the Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter dinner event. Located on the North side, this facility has been recently renovated with state-of-the-art operation for the men in need and approximately 23 men attended. Pleasing the men’s pallets were chicken roasters, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, dessert and beverages. The main committee included Mary Witul, Andy Dean, David Lancaster and Dave VanGorder along with other CPCBA contributors. After their Zagat Guide worthy service came fellowship.

Following up the men’s shelter was the Palm Sunday Fellowship Hour in which the Deacons certainly didn't send anybody home hungry. A team effort that flowed smoothly. FYI—the next Deacon Fellowship Hour will be April 13. I believe the Zagat Guide should be contacted particularly after these two tasteful events.

As with these fellowships we include in our prayers those in need. These men that attended and others that can have hope and can turn their lives around.

“And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.” ---Job 42:10

Directory Birthday Updates:

A few additions to our birthday pages are listed below for your directory update.

Name	Add Birthday
Leslie Simonds Allen	September 18
Daryl Johnson	June 30
Rick Miller	August 15
Jane Miller	May 16
Beth Miller	November 11
Andy Theobald	May 1
Tracy Theobald	March 28
Quinn Theobald	June 21
Tess Theobald	March 16
Elle Theobald	May 6
Reese Theobald	August 28
Del Treese	April 21
Sadie Treese	August 8
Hermione Treese	August 27



Meet Our Newest Members!

On March 16, 2008 seven new members were taken into our membership. Please read their bios and add their information to your directory. Please give them a warm welcome to our family of faith!

Leslie Simonds Allen grew up in the neighborhood and has just relocated back to this area. She has rejoined her Mom, Marj, and sister, Taye, here at CPCBA and is already a member of the choir. Leslie, a graduate of Florida State University in Social Work with a teaching certificate from Slippery Rock University, is a teacher and an artist. Her daughter, Rose, is a college student at Oberlin in Ohio. Leslie's hobbies are many – painting, stain glass, sewing, creating.



Rick and Jane Miller live in Avalon with their daughter **Beth**, 10. They also have two adult children **Aaron**, who lives in Conway, PA and **Jennifer**, who is a senior at Slippery Rock University. Rick grew up in the Pittsburgh area and Jane was originally from Ashland, Ohio. Jane is a writer for Pittsburgh Professional Magazine, and writes a column for Western PA Gardeners Gazette. Her hobbies include quilting and gardening. Rick is a Psychologist in a group practice in Mt. Lebanon. His hobbies are woodworking and gardening.



Andrew and Tracy Theobald moved to Avonworth Heights a year and a half ago. Their 4 children are **Quinn 8, Tess 7, Elle 3, and Reese 7 months old**. Tracy is a teacher in Pittsburgh Public Schools at Liberty Elementary in Shadyside. Originally from Palatine, IL, near Chicago, her hobbies are crafts, greyhound rescue, and chauffeuring her children. Andrew, was born in NJ, but grew up in Tulsa, OK and is a partner in Access Closing Group, a real estate settlement company. He enjoys skiing and music.



Del and Sadie Treese grew up in Alabama. Del left Selma to attend Thomas Edison State University in NJ majoring in Theater. His current careers are varied – he is an actor, a waiter, and a stay at home Dad with **Hermione**, age 18 months. Del enjoys cooking and movies. Sadie attended Auburn University then completed her graduate work at Carnegie Mellon University in Theater and Arts Administration. She is currently an Accountant for Pittsburgh Public Theater. Her hobbies are knitting and gardening. Two years ago, they moved from Bloomfield to their new home near Observatory Hill on the North Side. They are expecting a new baby in July.



Welcome!



Our Family News

☞ New Members ☜

LESLIE SIMONDS ALLEN
Pittsburgh, PA 15202

RICK AND JANE MILLER
BETH
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Pittsburgh, PA 15202 XXXXXXXXXXXX

ANDY AND TRACY THEOBALD
QUINN, TESS, ELLE & REESE
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
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DEL AND SADIE TREESE
HERMIONE
XXXXXXXXXXXX
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
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The Fellowship & Evangelism Committee Invites You to a Birthday Party Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, April 30

Would you like to celebrate your birthday more than once a year? Of course, who wouldn't!

The Fellowship and Evangelism committee invites you to a Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall when we will celebrate everyone's birthday with a delicious pot-luck dinner followed by cake and ice cream.



Each of the 12 tables will be decorated according to the month and you will sit with your fellow birthday mates. For example, if your birthday is in July, you will sit at the table decorated with flags, firecrackers, etc. Sign up either in the church office or on the insert in the bulletin. If you would like to help decorate the tables, call Nancy Hamilton, at 724-935-1754 or e-mail her at bigdog1@nauticom.net.

Save the Date for a Road Trip! September 5 & 6 to Lancaster, PA

When: Leaving Friday, September 5th & returning Saturday, September 6th

Where: Lancaster, PA to the Sight and Sound Theatre to enjoy spectacular shows of inspiring stories of "Abraham & Sarah" and "In The Beginning"

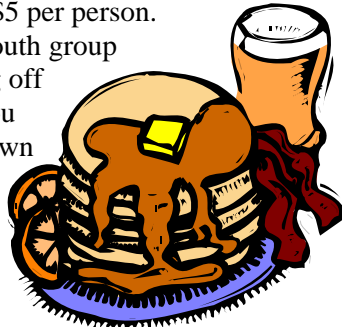


More details will be in the May edition of Revelations

Youth Group to Sponsor Annual Pancake Brunch & Service Auction Sunday, April 6 at 11:30 a.m.

The Youth of Community Church will hold their second annual Pancake Brunch and Service Auction on April 6 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The brunch will include pancakes and sausage and will cost a recommended donation of \$5 per person.

After the brunch, the youth group members will be auctioning off many different services. You can purchase car washes, lawn mowings, babysitting, and much more. All proceeds will go to help the youth with their summer trips. Don't miss this fun event.



Frequently Asked Questions of the Pastor Nominating Committee

Where are we in the Call Process?

As of March 15, the PNC has reviewed 97 Personal Information Forms from interested pastors. We have asked for sermon tapes from approximately 10 candidates and some PNC members have traveled to hear pastors preach in their own pulpits. The PNC has conducted half-day interviews with several strong candidates and further interviews are planned for the weeks ahead. We are excited about the qualifications and strengths of those who are interested in our church and believe that God has blessed us with many strong candidates.

Given the current state of our church budget, is CPCBA able to offer a competitive salary to interested pastors?

Yes, the PNC believes that we can offer a salary commensurate with other churches in Pittsburgh Presbytery of similar congregational size. The Session and Personnel Committee have provided a salary range to the PNC to consider when computing the final offer. No pastoral candidates have been eliminated from consideration because we cannot meet their salary requirements.

What is the congregation's role in the final call of our new pastor?

There will come a time when the PNC will choose its final candidate. If the chosen candidate also feels a strong call to pastor our church, and accepts our call package, a date for their candidating sermon is chosen. We will prepare a brochure with information about the candidate to be sent to the entire congregation. After approval from Pittsburgh Presbytery, the candidate will preach a candidating sermon to the congregation of Community Church. Immediately after worship on that Sunday, a congregational meeting will be held and a paper vote will be taken to receive that individual as our next pastor.

How can congregation members support this process?

Please continue to pray for the work of the PNC and for discernment by all our church leaders of the mission to which Christ calls us. If you have questions or concerns, the members of the PNC welcome calls at home or discussion after worship on any Sunday.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee

Kim Cuneo	Judy Fockler
Walt Cronin	Joyce Grater
Kristin Dillon	Herb McLuckie
Ralph Fink	Tim Miller
Lyn Robertson	Dave VanGorder

Outreach Committee – Mission Spotlight Northside Common Ministries

Each month, the Outreach Committee is planning to highlight the work of a local mission agency supported through the church’s mission budget. This month we focus on Northside Common Ministries, the agency that for more than two decades has operated the Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter on Brighton Road.

Northside Common Ministries (NCM) was founded in 1982, as a collaborative project of 30 local churches. Since its founding, in addition to the Pleasant Valley shelter, NCM has operated a food pantry that now serves more than 600 Northside families. Several years ago, NCM added a permanent housing program to its ministry, helping about a dozen men with significant disabilities to make the transition from homelessness to their own apartments.

In the summer of 2007, after a quarter of a century as an independent agency, Northside Common Ministries became an affiliate of Goodwill Industries. The day-to-day operations of NCM have not changed, but Goodwill is providing assistance with grant-writing and other administrative functions, and coordinating major renovations of the Brighton Road facility. Goodwill Industries of Pittsburgh has been active in the community since 1919. It is affiliated with the United Methodist church.

In the weeks before Easter, Casey Cunningham, whom we honored as our mission volunteer of the year, shone the spotlight on Northside Common Ministries. He requested that the one-third of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering reserved for local missions be donated to the Pleasant Valley Men’s Shelter.

In addition to the financial support our church provides, members of the congregation prepare dinner and serve it at the shelter one night each month. Merle Culley coordinates this program. Please give her a call if you’d like to lend a hand. Let’s follow Casey’s example and support the work of this worthy mission agency.

Junior Choir Participated in Local Festival on March 8

On Saturday, March 8, Robbie Colville, Eva DiNino, Amanda Miller, Angie VanGorder and Heather Van Gorder enjoyed participating in the Pittsburgh Area Chorister's Guild's 14th Annual Children's Choir Festival. They spent the day at St. Mary's Church, Glenshaw rehearsing music with Madeline Bridges, a well-know clinician for children's voices. The results of the day were evident in a beautiful mini-concert presented at 2:45 for parents and friends. Barbara McKelway was the accompanist. As the saying goes, "A good time was had by all!"

Outreach Committee to Sponsor a HEARTH Shower to Benefit Local Agency

HEARTH means Homelessness Ends with Advocacy Resources Training and Housing. This organization empowers families to become independent, self-sufficient, and adequately housed. We have made a commitment through our Outreach mission projects to help with the annual HEARTH request for items for the Get Organized Shower.

An umbrella will be displayed in the narthex with tags naming the needed items for the shower. This amazing congregation has seen the needs of the world, abroad and in our own communities and your generosity is a blessing to God and those we serve. Please remove a tag and bring the items to the church by May 3rd. They will be delivered to the shelter on May 7th. A reception and tour of the apartments will be held in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. that evening and anyone interested in attending should call Jody Jackson at 412-364-8573 by May 3rd.

Gift Items for the Get Organize Shower:

- 3 canvas 10-shelf shoe organizers (to hang in a closet)
- 2 sets of 4 bed risers
- 8 41 quart under bed storage containers
- 6 56 quart clear storage containers
- 1 metal letter sorter
- 1 over-the-door 3 tier towel rack
- 2 over-the-door hooks
- Coupon organizer
- Key rack
- Magnetic dry erase board with marker
- Magnetic shopping list pad



Most of these items can be found at Target, and the multiple items will be divided on separate tags.

Thank you for your love and help in improving the quality of life for someone in need. God bless you all!

Organist Barbara McKelway to Play at Heinz Chapel Compline Service Sunday Evening, April 13 at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday evening April 13, Barbara McKelway is the guest organist for the Compline Service at Heinz Chapel on the University of Pittsburgh campus. Compline is the evening service in which the church says "good night." It's a service of music and prayer with the lovely space of Heinz Chapel being the perfect setting. It's a quiet way to either end the week or begin the new one. The service is at 8:30p.m. Free on-street parking is available.

More Ways to Reduce and Recycle

Recently, we have started recycling plastics, glass and metal from our kitchen. The Girl Scouts Daisy Troop is recycling our church paper waste.

Here are two more things you can do to reduce paper waste in your home.

- ◆ First, there is a website you can go to: www.catalogchoice.org and register to decline specific catalogues you no longer wish to receive.
- ◆ Second, there is one more location where you can recycle other catalogues, newspapers, magazines and scrap paper to benefit a good cause at the same time. Bayne Library on Balph Avenue in Bellevue has added a recycling bin for paper and will receive money for each ton gathered. There are other locations with such bins, it's just important that you use **one** of them!



Avonworth Meals on Wheels to Hold Spring Fundraising Dinner Saturday, April 12 at St. James Lutheran Church

On Saturday, April 12, Avonworth Meals on Wheels will hold its spring fundraising dinner at St. James Lutheran Church in Emsworth. Dinners will be available from 4 to 6:30 pm to eat at the church or take out. Look for more information in the bulletin.

Outreach Committee to Collect Books for North Hills Youth Ministry Annual Book Sale

It's time again for Spring Cleaning! Cleaning out those **bookshelves** to make room for more! We all enjoy pouring over the books that accumulate in the church's entryway this time of year as we collect used books to donate to the **North Hills Youth Ministry Counseling Center's** annual book sale. NHYMCC builds hope and understanding through faith-based counseling and support services for youth, adults, couples, and families in our communities. We will be collecting books throughout the month of April for delivery early May. The book sale will once again be at Clayton Community Center at Memorial Park Church in Allison Park. The dates are Fri, June 13th – Wednesday, June 18th. They will be closed Sunday June 15th. Keep your eyes and ears open for an opportunity to work with others from our congregation on one of the sale evenings. This will be our third year working at the sale, and it is a wonderful fellowship opportunity while serving an excellent organization.

WANTED: used books, new books, videos, DVD's, cassettes, CD's

PLEASE NO: magazines, encyclopedias, old textbooks or records



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
Maintenance Manager	Don Evanochko
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 Skertlong
Financial Secretaries:	Barbara Barcoucky
.....	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.

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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



My View on Church Avenue

by Pastor Carol Divens Roth

Dear Friends,

Christmas and Easter have been a whirlwind in recent months. In the lull before Pentecost, here are some general thoughts and thanks:

Because we've had such busy seasonal goings-on, this would be a good time to catch up and/or just chat. Do you have questions on how the Pastoral Nominating process works? Want to have some time after worship for sermon feedback? Have ideas for what you'd like to have addressed in a sermon? Have something you're passionate about, something faith-related you'd like to know more about? Want to share some thoughts on where the church is going and how we're doing? Need to talk about Brent and your feelings a year and a half after his death?

On April 6, 13, and 27 after the 10:30 service, my study will be open for any and all to talk together in an informal setting –no agenda. Drop in for as long as you like in the hour after worship.

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Thanks to the whole village who contributed to the Lenten-Holy Week services and activities: Trudy File & F&E for the dinners, Staff and Woody Cunningham for the devotions, the Confirmation Class and mentors for the Maundy Thursday Seder and Communion, all the partici-

pants in leading the Good Friday service, the Chancel, Junior, and Bell Choirs, Jean Henderson for the Sunrise service, to our Outreach team for promoting One Great Hour of Sharing, Sunday School and Junior Church for their artwork and lessons...The list could go on forever. Thank You All very much.

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The Bible Study/Prayer group has completed its study of intercessory prayer. Before we delve into what comes next, all are invited for an extended session on Wednesday, April 2, 9:30-11:30. We will watch *For the Bible Tells Me So*, a video documentary about how people of faith deal with having a gay family member. If you can't come during the day and would like to see this, let me know and we can schedule an additional time.

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Finally, add to those prayers Faith in Action Sunday, June 8. This is not another program or a gimmick. This is the whole church, every age and ability, putting feet and hands, hearts and minds to faith. It's a unique experience. Pray for how God is calling you to participate in this station of the path of discipleship. And listen for the answer...

Shalom,
Carol