

Revelations

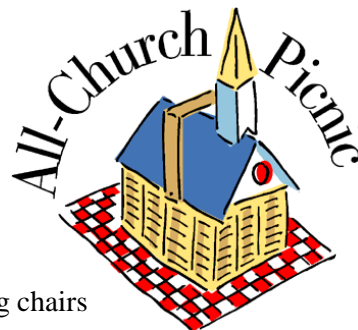
Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202

All-Church Picnic Moved to ACORD Park Sunday, August 27—10:00 a.m.

You've probably noticed that the ol' Burg has been a happnin' place this summer. PNC Park hosted record crowds at the All-star game, the Blue Angels dazzled sweltering crowds with breathtaking aeronautics at the Pittsburgh Air Show, and the Three Rivers Regatta brought excitement to our glittering (this is dahntahn Piksburgh?) waterways.

So, how do you top all that? Why, you come to the Annual CBCBA Church Picnic and Worship Service, of course! A new location with plenty of comfortable shelter from sun or rain, exciting entertainment and an opportunity to come together to worship God in the midst of His summer splendor.

- Place: ACORD Park (Camp Horne Road), at the pavilion behind the Mayernik Center
- Date: Sunday, August 27th
- Time: 10:00 AM service, picnic following
- Musical entertainment by Tom Franzak: For those who missed him when he performed at our church, Tom is an inspired and inspiring Christian singer/songwriter whose music will make your spirit soar!
- Activities for the kids.
- Deacons will provide the main course and a variety of drinks.
- If your last name begins with A – N, bring a casserole or salad to serve 12.
- If your last name begins with O – Z, bring a dessert to serve 12.
- There will be picnic tables with benches under the pavilion, but bring folding chairs and/or blankets to sit out on the lawn.
- Park in the main lot just to the right as you enter ACORD. It is a bit of a walk up to the pavilion from the parking area, so the deacons will be available to assist you if needed.
- Because of the ample shelter provided by the pavilion, rain should not deter us from enjoying the park. However, in the event of a severe storm, please stop by the church first.



**We promise it will be a memorable day of worship, music, food and fellowship,
and we look forward to seeing you all there!**

Jazz Night Under the Stars Comes to CPCBA

The Outreach Committee is busy planning a Jazz Night for late August or early September. This fun filled evening is being sponsored by the Outreach Committee to raise money to send 10 CPCBA members to New Orleans to participate in the RHINO Project along side Habitat for Humanity.



RHINO, Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans, has helped countless persons in great need over the past year since Hurricane Katrina, and we want to be a part of the rebuilding! The volunteers from CPCBA will travel to New Orleans to begin work for the week of November 11, 2006. They will be housed, fed and directed by our friends at Charles Street Presbyterian Church of New Orleans.

Let's all watch for news on the upcoming Jazz Night and fill the front lawn with friends and neighbors as we celebrate New Orleans Jazz under the stars with coffee, desserts and good times.



My View on Church Avenue

By Pastor Brent Dugan

As I write this, I have recently preached on 1 Corinthians 12 where Paul tells the Corinthian Church . . . and us . . . that “there are varieties of gifts,” varieties of gifts from the Holy Spirit that inspire each one of us and, through us, build up the church.

Summer is a time to hone our gifts even as we take a break, scrunch our toes in the sand, curl up with a good book, and move into “down time.” It’s a time to listen to some Chautauqua lectures, or to watch and wonder at the growth spurts of our kids, or to feast on fried chicken during Vacation Bible School.

“Does my life count for something?” is the big question. And we all want the answer to be YES! on our tombstone. And when we see the Lord face to face? We all want to hear from his lips: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

CPCBA Hosts Craft & Scrapbooking Nights!

Where: CPCBA Fellowship Hall

Cost: FREE! Open to all!

When: Wednesday, August 23, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 23, 3 - 10 p.m.

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a series of monthly CPCBA Craft Nights! Have a project you've been meaning to work on? Bring your knitting, scrapbooking, sketch book, or whatever you 'craft' for a night of fellowship and fun. It's optional to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, soda will be provided.



Watch the bulletin for more details or call Susan Houser for info: 412-732-9599 or gandycat@comcast.net. If you have a talent you'd be willing to share for a 'beginner's class', please contact Susan so you can be added to the schedule!

Outreach Committee Concludes Backpack Drive with Fellowship Hour on August 13

The back packs and their supplies are to be brought to the church by August 13. The outreach committee will be hosting the “Back to School” coffee hour that Sunday, so join us to look over all of the “cool stuff” for the kids at the Presbyterian Church in Wilksburg!

Special Guest Singer, August 6 Lynn Webber Biegler

Soprano, Lynn Webber Biegler, a daughter of Community Church, will be guest soloist at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 6th.

Lynn is the daughter of church member, Betty Webber, and the late William Webber. After Mr. Webber's death some years ago, the family established the *Webber Music Fund* which has provided the choir with new robes, and has funded several guest instrumentalists and concerts.

Holy Humor Sunday, August 13

Remember last summer's first annual Holy Humor Sunday? What a great time it was praising the Lord with smiles on our faces.

Bring family and friends to this service of joy (8:30 and 10:00). Sing some uplifting songs, hear glad words from God's Word, and share some of your funny stories: personal anecdotes, church bulletin bloopers, funny things from the lips of your children, Internet jokes, etc. We'll even smile as the offering plates are passed for “The Lord loves a cheerful giver!”



Looking Ahead—Musically Speaking... Choir Rehearsals Resume in September

Mark your calendars now for “start-ups” in September right after Labor Day.

Boys and girls in grades 3-6 are invited to be members of the Junior Choir. This choir rehearses Sundays after church. Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, September 10 at 11:45 a.m.** in the Choir Room.

Bell choir members begin rehearsals **Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.** This is an inter-generational group beginning with 6th grade and going to age ???! See September *Revelations* for more details!

The Chancel choir includes high school youth and up. They rehearse on Thursday evenings beginning **September 7 at 8:00 p.m.** in the choir room.

All choirs are open to new participants. We don't ask for auditions...simply a willingness to participate.

If you have any questions, call David Anderson or Barbara McKelway at 412-761-1233.



Our Family News

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June 28, 2006

**CPCBA Financial Summary
Through June 30, 2006**

Ross Dillon, Stewardship & Finance Chair

	<u>Actual To date</u>	<u>Budget To date</u>	<u>Over/ (Under)</u>
Income	\$186,439	\$206,410	(\$19,971)
Expense	\$220,855	\$230,680	(\$9,825)
Difference	(\$34,416)	(\$24,270)	

The height of summer is upon us. Vacations, reunions, weekend trips all combine to make this the season of fun and relaxation. However, like the energizer bunny, Community Church keeps on going. We have to.

Receipts are \$34,000 behind revenues, a deficit of \$10,000 greater than anticipated. Amid all the joys and pleasures of summer, please do not forget to keep up your pledges.



**Reminder: Summer Worship
Times Continue Through
Sunday, September 3**

Just a reminder that the summer worship hours continue to be in effect through Sunday, September 3, with the Sunday morning services being held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon Directory

- Pastor..... Brent Dugan
- Christian Education Director..... Melanie Hughes-Holcomb
- Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries..... Todd Tracy
- Music Director..... David Anderson
- Organist..... Barbara McKelway
- Administrative Assistant..... Mary Susan Anderson
- Hostess..... Claire Wilwohl
- Maintenance Manager..... Don Evanochko
- Clerk of Session..... Peter Herchenroether
- Treasurer..... Barbara Barcoucky
- Trustees, President..... Pack Bryan
- Deacons, Chair..... Susan Dismukes
- Junior Church, Coordinator..... Jan Davis
- Wooden Ladder Preschool..... Brenda Mellon
- Financial Secretaries:..... John Ferguson
- Steve Fockler
- Royce Rice
- Dick Schneider
- Parish Nurse..... Nan Duff
- Web Masters..... Susan and Marty Houser

Committee Chairs:

- Christian Education..... Ken DiNino
- Fellowship & Evangelism..... Nancy Hamilton
- Nominating Committee..... Judy Fockler
- Outreach..... Judy Hay
- Planning..... Brian Jensen
- Property..... Andy Kolenda
- Stewardship & Finance..... Ross Dillon
- Worship..... June Weletz

Deacon Contacts

(for meal assistance, transportation, grief support, etc.)
Jody Jackson at 412-364-8573

Deacons Visitation Ministry

Frank Somerville at 412-931-6584

(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



**Mission Agency Spotlight:
North Hills Community Outreach**

On May 30, 1986, flash floods devastated sections of Etna and Shaler, and eight people lost their lives. Twenty years later, it can be said that those floods are still having an impact on our community, but today that impact is positive.

Local religious and community groups worked together in 1986 to assist flood victims. That cooperation led directly to the formation of North Hills Community Outreach (NHCO) in 1987.

What is NHCO? The organization's mission statement boils it down to two sentences: "NHCO is an interfaith nonprofit organization that addresses the spiritual, emotional, physical, and material needs of people in crisis, hardship, and poverty. NHCO provides information and education, makes referrals, and facilitates access to resources to bring immediate help, in a manner designed to preserve the dignity of individuals and to demonstrate the love of God."

For many years, our church has supported NHCO through the mission budget, and individual members have supported its programs as volunteers.

The organization is headquartered in Allison Park, on the grounds of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. NHCO operates five satellite locations, including two in Bellevue – at Emanuel's Lutheran Church on Fremont Avenue and at the Suburban Campus of Allegheny General Hospital. The latter location houses the North Boroughs Food Pantry, one of two food pantries that NHCO operates.

Other NHCO services include emergency financial assistance, legal consultations, college scholarships, employment services, and Faith in Action volunteer caregiving. To appreciate the full scope of NHCO's service to the community, we recommend a visit to the organization's website (www.nhco.org).

During the month of September, as in previous years, the Outreach Committee is planning to collect gently worn winter coats. The coat collection is one of NHCO's "sharing projects" to help low-income families. Details of this project will be published in *Revelations*.

