

Revelations

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202

In Memory of Brent J. Dugan August 2, 1946—November 3, 2006

A Letter to the Members of Community Church from the Elders of the Congregation

On November 3, 2006, we tragically lost our beloved pastor and friend, Brent J. Dugan, who faithfully served Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon for the past 18 years.

Brent took his own life due to an impending television news story that focused on private details of his personal life. He left notes expressing his profound sorrow for the embarrassment that he believed would result from the planned news story.

Brent was a compassionate, spiritual center for our Church over the many years of his ministry. He guided us with wisdom and sensitivity through the difficult consolidation of two longtime Ben Avon congregations. Brent was a source of strength and healing when fire destroyed the Woodland Church, and he inspired a spirit of renewal in leading an ambitious building program that continues to serve us effectively.

He challenged and inspired us with his preaching and nurtured our spirituality with bible study and prayer

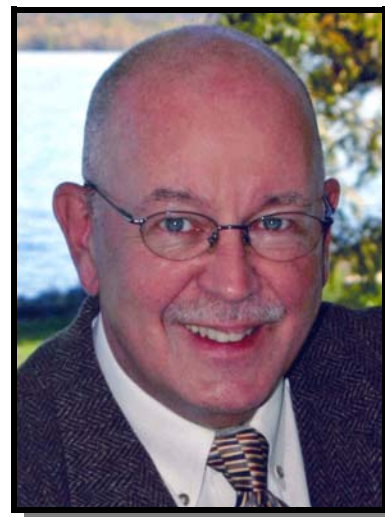
groups. Brent joined in our celebrations and our sorrows. He baptized our children, married our adults, ministered to our needy, and buried our departed.

Brent's engaging personality shone through in productions of the Community Theatre Players of Ben Avon (which he helped found), trips to PNC Park, outings on a favorite trout stream or ski slope, and afternoons sailing on Chautauqua Lake. In all of these ways and more, he gained a cherished place in our lives and our hearts.

Like so many of life's tragedies, this one will never be fully understood. We pray that in time we might experience healing and the peace of God which passes all understanding. We pray also that the legacy of Brent's ministry may be the many gifts and kindnesses that he shared so freely over the years with our congregation rather than the tragedy of the past few weeks.

In the wake of Brent's sudden disappearance and death, the members of our Church family have experienced a range of difficult emotions – shock, sadness, grief, and anger. We will continue to be challenged by our sense of loss in the weeks and months ahead. A pastor to the last, Brent left the following exhortation in a final letter to his Church family:

Again, I say that I am very, very sorry. This incident will not be easy to overcome, but overcome you must. You are the people of Jesus Christ,



God's chosen. The fact that you had a pastor who fell from grace does not mean that you are diminished in any way. Please stay together.

As members of your Session, we cannot imagine doing anything else. As we strive to carry on God's work, we look for strength from the Holy Spirit, and from the fellowship that Brent worked so tirelessly to build in our Church and our community.

In these dark days, the power of Christ's love has shone forth like a beacon from each and every one of you, and from Presbytery staff, counselors, neighbors and friends who have surrounded us with support. In that love, we are assured of Christ's ultimate victory.

We are most blessed to have the care and leadership of Rev. Dr. Jean Henderson, who has been called to provide interim pastoral support and moderate our Session through this difficult time. As many of you may know, Jean is a neighbor in Ben Avon

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and the wife of Elder David Henderson. Jean's steady influence and moving sermons are a powerful reminder of the love that God continues to provide to the people of CPCBA.

There undoubtedly will be many questions, both logistical and spiritual, that will arise in the days ahead. We, the members of your Session, are available to discuss any concerns that you may have and pray together for God's healing. As we move forward together in faith, let us remember the words of St. Paul to the Church in Corinth:

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

In Christ's love,
The Session of CPCBA

Patrick Abramowich	Judy Hay
Pack Bryan	Jean Henderson
Maurice Cohill, Jr.	Peter Herchenroether
Claire Cranville	PJ Jones
Ross Dillon	Andy Kolenda
Ken DiNino	Doug Simmons
Judy Fockler	Chris Skerlong
Jane France	June Weletz
Nancy Hamilton	

My View on Church Avenue

by Pastor Jean Henderson

One of the Bible passages I often use at funerals is Ecclesiastes 3—the one the generation Brent and I grew up in knew as the popular song “Turn, Turn, Turn.” For everything there is a season...

Brent lived through so many of those ‘seasons’ with us...and we are better for it! Now we enter a new season of our lives, as does he. But we enter it facing liturgical seasons of celebration with thanksgiving, hope, and anticipation.

We have truly learned that we don't know what tomorrow will bring...but we do know that Christ walks with us into those new seasons.

As we grieve for Brent and who we were when he was with us, my prayer for each of you will be that, in his absence, the strong presence of Christ will be with you!

SESSION CORNER

by Peter Herchenroether
Clerk of Session

Dear Members:

Throughout this year, I have not felt the need to provide much in the way of ‘news’ for you in Revelations; mainly because I did not feel that Session had much to report. We met monthly and managed the various affairs of the Church, but often there was nothing of particular note for publication. This month, I have so much to pass along that the “corner” is likely to be much of a page.

Clearly, we have all endured a shock and trauma since the news first broke about the KDKA-TV report on our pastor, his two days of being missing, his suicide, and his pending call to the Mendocino Presbyterian Church. Hardly the normal series of events. Throughout this period, Session met at least three times and acted through the many individual activities of the Elders in between. As one who had to convey the initial news on many of these unsettling events, I can say, without any doubt or hesitation or qualification, that the Elders who are serving you on Session are some of the most thoughtful, caring, Christian, dedicated people with whom I have ever served in any capacity. They rose to the most trying of occasions with nothing but the care of Brent and our congregation in mind. Please lift all of them in your prayers. They have served us all so well.

Beyond the Session, however, there are numerous others to whom we owe appreciation and gratitude. I hesitate to name them, but I feel I must, even though I know I will be leaving some out, unintentionally. Many were from outside our congregation:

1. Jim Mead, Pastor of Pittsburgh Presbytery and Carol Divens Roth, Interim Pastor for Medium-sized congregations who were available immediately with assistance and guidance. They provided professionals from the Presbytery staff to assist Todd and Melanie in how to explain all of these events to our children. They met with Session to help guide our decisions on your behalf. In short, they were there when we needed them.
2. Kilbuck Police who provided as much assistance as the law permits in locating a missing adult. Further, extra police services were provided during the Memorial Service. The cost was assumed by Ben Avon Borough, without our even asking for that generous contribution.
3. Lou Mullaney, who, as the representative of the owners of Dollar General Store in Emsworth, provided permission for visitors at the Memorial Service to park in their lot without charge.

4. Lenzer Coaches which provided a shuttle service from Dollar General to the church with limited notice.
5. Bob Butter of Veritas Public Relations, who, with only phone call in the night, immediately came to a Session meeting and provided professional and wise counsel for dealing with the need to communicate to the media and our congregation.
6. Hetz and Barbara Marsh, who provided counseling services to our members on the day we read Brent's letter. They will be available in the future as well.
7. The over 90 clergy who, in their robes, attended the memorial.

As to our own, there are so many who helped whenever needed. I can only list those known to me. I am sure there are others; please express your appreciation to them individually:

- ◆ Our staff, Todd Tracy, Don Evanochko, Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Claire Wilwohl, Mary Susan Anderson and the Wooden Ladder School Board and Teachers. Every one of these people worked extra time to do the right thing and help manage the situation. Mary Susan made sure that all of the letters and emails were sent. Don prepared the church for all of the extra people and events. Todd and Melanie not only planned on how to assist our young people in these unsettling times, but also helped with arranging for the audio/video services to extend the seating area at the memorial service to the narthex. Claire provided assistance to Pinkerton's in placing the floral arrangements.
- ◆ Our music leaders, David Anderson and Barbara McKelway, and our pianist, Patrick Fink, who made sure that inspirational music was available at our gathering on that Friday night after we received the tragic news, as well as during the Sunday and memorial services that followed. Austin DeSimone's violin performance and Chelsea Rumbaugh's bagpipe processional were particularly moving during the memorial.
- ◆ Susan Dismukes and the Deacons who quietly attended to the needs for food and comfort for Brent's family, as well as the many visitors to our church.
- ◆ Tim Miller, who organized the ushers to manage the very large crowd at the memorial service.
- ◆ David Henderson, who arranged for parking at Dollar General and has provided wise counsel.
- ◆ Chris Allison, who provided that invaluable phone call to Bob Butter during our November 1 Session meeting and worked on our communications plans.
- ◆ Bob Jones, who worked with the police and others to make a diligent search for Brent.
- ◆ Woody Cunningham, who participated in the search and provided counsel to the grieving.
- ◆ Lee Dillon, who saw the need for the Session and staff to have something to eat that Thursday after most had spent the whole day in a state of stress and concern for Brent and arranged for much needed food.
- ◆ Marty Houser, who attended to the website.
- ◆ The many members who have let us know that they are there for whatever is needed; your support is very meaningful to us all.
- ◆ And, of course, Jean Henderson, who came to us, as our friend, neighbor and pastor, at our time of greatest need. No one else could provide the knowledge and comfort that she can.

Friends, we are truly blessed in this congregation. We have friends among the greater church and community. On behalf of your Session, I thank you all. Let us maintain these efforts as we move forward and do God's work as the Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon.



Counseling Services Available

The holiday seasons often renew grief and loneliness in those who have lost loved ones.

If you would like to speak to someone about your loss, the following counseling services are available to you:

Samaritan Counseling Center
Carl Baughman
412-741-7430

Drs. Hetz and Barbara Marsh
412-531-7644



Memorial Table in Fellowship Hall

A table has been set up in Fellowship Hall to gather and disperse thoughts and remembrances of Brent. Copies of sermons, songs and poems have been placed there for anyone to read. If there are multiple copies of anything on the table, you may take one for yourself.

This table is also meant to be a place that you can leave something you would like to share with others regarding your memories of Brent.

We simply ask that you do not take the last copy of any item, but rather take it to the church office so that additional copies can be made.



Advent 2006— The Promise of Peace

The Promise of Peace has been woven throughout the myriad of activities offered to the congregation this Advent Season. Please participate as much as you can and bring along friends and neighbors to experience the Peace that can only come from knowing Jesus Christ—The Prince of Peace.

Help Needed to Fill Fellowship Hall with Christmas Around the World Displays For Community Christmas Festival Sunday, December 17—6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

At past Christmas Festivals, our Fellowship Hall has been transformed into a global Christmas. Families have set up a table, corner, tree, dining area etc. with examples of how their country of heritage celebrates Christmas.

This year, with our **Promise of Peace**, we will again create this little world as a vision of peace on earth. You are invited to share your treasures in Fellowship Hall. Post displays, share food and crafts or come up with any other creative way to share a variety of cultures from around the world. Help us fill Fellowship Hall with displays by contacting Festival coordinators, John and Gail Buchanan at 412-734-2050.

Bring neighbors, family and friends to this community outreach. Each year the young – and young at heart – enjoy the live nativity, hot chocolate and cookies, the music, and the country displays.

“And Our Little Children Shall Lead Us” Children’s Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.

You are invited to join together with your church family as our children share the story of Jesus’ birth.

On this special Sunday, our children lead us on a journey celebrating God’s promises and the gift of hope and peace the Christ child brings to all.

The service is simple and creative and **all children will have an opportunity to be involved that morning.** No previous experience required. If you have guests, bring them; No one will be left out!

HOWEVER... If your child and/or guests would like to be involved in the service, they need to gather in the church Fellowship Hall by 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with costumes that morning.

Sunday, December 10— Two Unique Opportunities to Worship Through Music

Chancel Choir to Perform Cantata at 10:30 a.m.

The Chancel Choir will perform the cantata, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten,” by Gilbert Martin at the 10:30 worship service on December 10, 2006. This quiet, contemplative cantata will take your mind off of the insanity of what the Christmas season has become for many, and bring you back to the stark simplicity of a cold starry night, a stable, a manger, and a baby Savior.

Hot Metal Philharmonic Youth Orchestra under the Direction of David Anderson at 7:30 p.m.

The Hot Metal Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, under the direction of David Anderson, will present a mostly Christmas concert on Sunday evening, December 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The orchestra is comprised of approximately 20 student musicians. Among the musicians are CPCBA’s own Sarah Miller, violin, and Laura Cranville, oboe. Several local professionals will also be playing with the students. Musical selections include Leroy Anderson’s “A Christmas Festival” and Elliot Del Borgo’s “Hatikvah,” which, translated from the Hebrew, means “The Hope.” Rounding out the program is a carol sing-along. The concert will last about an hour and admission is free.

December 24th—Christmas Eve One Morning Service at 10:30 a.m. Evening Services at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

There will only be one morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve. The 8:30 service will resume on December 31.

A Family Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 p.m.; a traditional candlelight service will be at 9:00 p.m.

There is no Sunday School on this day. Enjoy your time with friends and family. Read the Christmas story from your Bible! A Blessed Christmas to you all.

December Dates to Remember:

- Dec. 3rd**—The First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 10th**—Music Sunday at 10:30 a.m. worship
7:00 p.m. Hot Metal Philharmonic
Youth Orchestra
- Dec. 17th**—Dr. Andrew Purves preaching
Children’s Christmas Pageant
at 10:30 a.m. worship
6:00-8:00 pm Community Christmas Festival
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve**—10:30 a.m. Worship
- No Sunday School -
7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service
9:00 p.m. Candlelight service
- Dec. 31st**—New Year Eve’s services with communion
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



**New Member Class to Be Held
Saturday, January 20—9:00 a.m.**

Anyone interested in joining the church is invited to come to a new member’s class on Saturday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m. Just call the church office at 412-761-1233 to make your reservation.



Gift Certificate Idea for Christmas

Looking for a gift for a CPCBA family or person? How about a voucher for the CPCBA Retreat on April 14 & 15, 2007 at Laurelville, near Mt. Pleasant. Contact Nancy Hamilton of the Fellowship and Evangelism committee for details.

All 8th Graders Invited to Participate in 2007 Confirmation Classes

8th Graders are invited to take part in Confirmation. It is part of a passage to maturity, but also a time of fun, play and study about who you are, what you believe, how you fit into the life of the church and how God fits into the rest of your lives.

We begin with a parent and youth lunch meeting on Sunday, January 14, at 12:00 noon at the church, followed by an overnight retreat for all 8th graders. (There is no school that Monday in observance of Martin Luther King day.)

YES we will once again incorporate the popular mentoring program into the confirmation experience. Any member of the church is eligible to be a Mentor, no Biblical or theological genius required. Watch for info on how to sign up in January. Please contact Todd Tracy or Melanie Holcomb at 412-761-1233 with any questions.



by Deacon Austin DeSimone

It would have been difficult for me to sit down and write an article today if it wasn’t for fellow deacon Mary Witul, who fortuitously provided me with the topic. We were in the church kitchen preparing food to serve the hundreds who came to the memorial service for our beloved Pastor Brent. There were so many people, so much food, and it was Mary’s job to coordinate it all. In the midst of that flurry of preparations, she paused a moment to say, “There was so much to do it seemed overwhelming, but it all came together so easily, because everywhere I turned someone was there, offering to help out.”

That statement of Mary’s exemplifies what our congregation is about. It is a key element in defining who we are, and why Jim Mead referred to us as a ‘model congregation’ when he spoke his words of comfort and support that day.

A couple of months ago I wrote in this space that we “should not ... underestimate the power that comes from serving each other.” We have all experienced that power in these trying days since we learned of Brent’s tragic death. Without it, I think we all would find these times far more difficult to bear.

We have a hard road ahead of us, working through our grief and our anger, and yet striving to keep the work of our church moving forward at the same time. We all know we cannot do this alone, that we need God’s help more than ever. I believe we will find His help most surely in the support we find in each other.

The importance of this call to serve each other was made clear to me in a remarkable conversation I had with Brent’s mother following the service. At the end of that conversation, she took my hand, and with a great sense of purpose said to me, “Now more than ever, you must all stay together here at this church, to continue to do the work that Jesus has given you.” For her sake, for Brent’s sake, for Jesus’ sake, and for our own sake, that is what we must and will do.

RHINO Mission Trip to New Orleans Was a Great Success!

On Sunday, November 12, eleven enthusiastic members of CPCBA flew to New Orleans to work with the RHINO team to refurbish homes left in the wake of Hurrican Katrina. Those traveling were: Kate Colville, Ken DiNino, Katie Deverts, Carol and Howard Fisher, Maureen Kowalski, Leslie Miller, Bob Nadin, Sandy Stauffer, Todd Tracy and Brian Willis.



The work was difficult and the accommodations a bit crowded, but these eleven experienced a wonderful week of faith and fellowship. Please welcome them back with open arms and grateful hearts for doing work that many of us would not be able to handle.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project. The Outreach Committee was able to purchase airline tickets for those who needed them and to pay for two rental vans for transportation once in New Orleans, room and board for the eleven at The St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church and a bit of spending money for incidentals. In addition, a check for \$2,000 was given to the RHINO project to continue the work that was started over a year ago.

We all look forward to the slide show which Todd will put together for us with input from the entire group. Thanks for all you do!

Judy Hay and Kate Colville
co-chairs of Outreach

Outreach Committee Extends Thanks for Successful Winter Coat Drive

Many “warm thanks: to all who contributed warm winter jackets and coats for our “coat drive” this fall. Many of our surrounding neighborhoods will benefit from your generosity.



When the snow flies, think of the good you have done - for someone you don't even know! Feels good, doesn't it?

November Food Pantry Donations Made to the North Boroughs Location



The month of November is CPCBA’s month to donate non-perishables to the North Boroughs Food Bank. Thanks to all who opened their hearts and gave generously to those in need.

Our Family News

☞ *Deaths* ☛

BRENT J. DUGAN
November 3, 2006

2006 Christmas Joy Offering to be Received in December

Please watch your mail in the coming weeks for a letter detailing the 2006 Joy Offering.

Proceeds from this special offering are used to benefit local agencies as well as Presbyterian educational institutions and retired pastors.

Contribution envelopes will be mailed to your house and available in the sanctuary pews.



Thank you Notes-

Dear Church Family,
—And you are family...

That was very evident when we went through our recent loss. Your prayers, calls, cards and offerings were a tremendous help and comfort. Thank you very much.
Marie Hamilton



Dear CPCBA,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and well wishes at the time of Bruce’s heart attack. I offer my special thanks to Woody for being with me at the hospital, taking notes, and asking questions of the doctors when I was too distraught to remember or understand what was being told to me.

I and my family would also like to thank the deacons, especially Sue Herchenroether and Kristi Thompson, for providing meals while my time was split between the house and hospital.

It is so helpful to us to know that we have the support of our church family at a time of such uncertainty. Bruce is recovering well and all recent tests of the heart show function in a normal range with minimal permanent damage—another testament to the power of prayer.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Hall

Financial Summary Through 10/31/06

by Ross Dillon

	Actual to Date	Budget to Date	Over/ (Under)
Income	\$315,514	\$341,878	(\$26,364)
Expense	<u>\$355,581</u>	<u>\$369,764</u>	(\$14,183)
Difference	<u>(\$40,067)</u>	<u>\$(27,886)</u>	

Through October, expenses totaled \$355,000 while receipts were \$315,000. At this time one year ago our deficit was \$20,000. Weekly contributions through October are down \$36,000 for the year.

The preliminary budget for 2007 is just over \$500,000, about \$10,000 more than this year. Missions, keeping the church open, and staff salaries and benefits account for 87% of next year's budget.

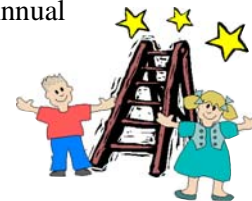
Without pledges, planning is difficult – so to those of you who have pledged generously for 2007, thank you. If you have not pledged, it's not too late. Call the church office. It is especially important that we, as a congregation experiencing such profound sorrow, continue to be mindful of the financial commitments we have made to our church. Let's maintain and, if possible, increase our giving as we enter the final weeks of 2006. Our collective ministry to each other, to the community and to the God we serve demands no less.

**Wooden Ladder Preschool Christmas Pageants, Carols, and Open House
Tuesday, December 19, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

The Wooden Ladder Preschool invites you to attend our Christmas Pageants and Carols Program performed by the Wooden Ladder 2 and 3 students in the Sanctuary.

Immediately following, the Wooden Ladder 1, 2, and 3 classes will be holding the Annual Christmas Open House with light refreshments downstairs in the decorated classrooms.

Please plan to join us for the holiday festivities!



**CPCBA Handbell Choir to Perform at Kane Hospital "Light Up Night"
Tuesday, December 12—6:00 p.m.**



The CPCBA Handbell Choir is going on the road! They have been asked to perform for "Light-Up Night" at Kane Hospital off McIntyre Road near McIntyre Square on Tuesday, December 12. They will be part of a program that begins at 6:00 p.m. All are invited.

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon Directory

- Interim Pastor..... Jean Henderson
- 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
- Web Masters..... Susan and Marty Houser

Committee Chairs:

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

Deacon Comfort and Joy Contacts

(for meal assistance, transportation, grief support, etc.)
Sue Herchenroether (412-761-0479) or Mary Witul (412-734-2772)

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.

† Phone: (412) 761-1233 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



**Slow your Pace, find God's Peace at CPCBA's
4th Annual Free Community Christmas Festival**

Sunday, December 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The wonder of miracles is not gone. Peace is not just a vague dream. There is a way to recapture the hope as you gaze like shepherds upon the live Nativity and sing like angels with the joy of Christmas carols.

This world is so full of busy choices this Christmas season, we want to offer you this choice of 2 hours to slow your pace and enjoy the world that Jesus came to save. Huddle together around a fire barrel, relax in a pew and let the songs of angels wash over you, let your children touch a warm wooly piece of the Nativity, break pumpkin bread together with your neighbors and remember that the beautiful Nativity scene was created with you in mind.

Join together for this one purpose; to remember the birth of Christ and the overwhelming peace that the love of God brings. Let it lift your soul and bring you hope.

The hope is not gone, the wonder is ever present. The Prince of Peace has come into the world. Remember it, keep it in your heart and share it always. Peace be with you.

On December 17th from 6:00-8:00 pm our church will host an event that brings the community together to celebrate the old, old story. We want to throw our arms and doors wide open to our community this holy holiday season, so invite your friends, tell the neighbors and gather together for this large as life, memorable festival.

- ◆ Our annual **Live Nativity** will appear on the front lawn, complete with real animals, the holy family, shepherds, angels and wise people. Recapture that spirit of joy at the birth of the new baby Jesus, as you gaze like shepherds upon the live Nativity
- ◆ Then move into the Sanctuary to warm your hearts with songs of the season as presented by the **Sewickley Academy Chamber Singers followed by a Hymn Sing**. Let it remind you of the glory of the angel's music on that first joyful Christmas. And that's not all!
- ◆ By then you'll need a bit of sustenance, and the **Christmas goodies** in the Fellowship Hall will hit the spot. You never know what treats may await you when you tour the **display of Christmas Around the World** in the Fellowship Hall.