

# Revelations

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202

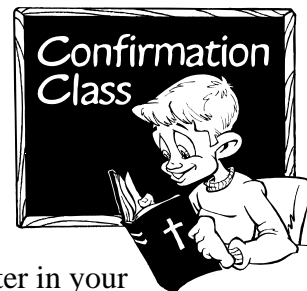
## All Eighth Graders Invited to Participate in Confirmation Class 2008 Kick-Off Retreat for Students—January 20 and 21

Spring is the time for new life, new growth, and new challenges. Though it's early yet and chilly, our **8<sup>th</sup> Graders** will warm to all of these experiences during their time preparing for **Confirmation**.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders** are invited to take part in this passage to maturity, but also a time of fun, play and study about who they are, what they believe, how they fit into the life of the church and how God fits into the rest of their lives. You should have received a letter in your mailbox with more information about this exciting process.

Don't forget that the first Confirmation Class for students and parents is Sunday January 20th in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Lunch is provided. We will then begin the year with a wonderful retreat for all Confirmands. Students will depart immediately following the meeting and head for the Confirmation Retreat at Camp Crestfield. So come with your bags packed! We will return to the Church by 5:00 p.m. on Monday the 21st.

Please contact Todd Tracy or Melanie Hughes-Holcomb at 412-761-1233 with any questions.



### SCHEDULE RECAP:

**Our first meeting for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders AND their parents is Sunday, January 20th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Lunch is provided.**

**Following the meeting, kids and staff will depart for Camp Crestfield for an overnight retreat. (Monday is Martin Luther King day and no school.)**

**They will return to the Church by 5:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon.**



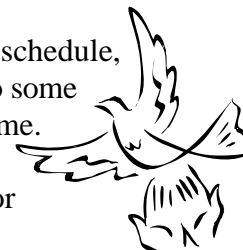
### Adults Needed to Participate in the Confirmation Mentoring Program

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 Bible or Theological genius required! Only a willingness to learn alongside an 8th grade student and share a bit of your personal journey of faith...warts and all.

You don't need to share their taste in music, movies or food. Just share your time and encouragement. It's simple—but will mean more than you can realize.

There are only a few specific dates that you need to schedule, beginning in February. The rest of the time is yours to do some homework together with your "Mentee" on your own time.

Please contact Todd Tracy or Melanie Holcomb at 412-761-1233 as soon as possible if you are interested or have questions.



# My View on Church Avenue

Dear Friends,

My Christmas tree isn't up yet, but it's the deadline for the first Revelations of 2008. A new year beckons. It is the way the church keeps time –looking to the future which God has prepared.

Having been here for a year, I know the year ahead will contain some familiar rhythms. Lent will begin on February 6 with the Ash Wednesday service. Lent. Holy Week with a Seder meal on Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday service in the evening. The Great Festival of Easter.

The annual all-church retreat at Laurelville April 19 & 20. Winter has barely begun and I'm already looking forward to the walk up to the labyrinth and the emerging spring vista of the surrounding hillsides.

A Confirmation Class will be underway, culminating with their becoming members of the Church on May 11, Pentecost and Mother's Day. Isn't this one of the greatest gifts for a parent that a child should decide to walk in the way of Jesus Christ?

Vacation Bible School. The Church Picnic (who wants to do an old-time sing-along this year, raise your hands). Youth Trips and Camp. Back to Fall schedule. Pumpkins...everywhere.

Of course, along the way there will be changes as the past segues into the future. There will be new members to welcome, babies to baptize, graduates to launch, weddings, and we may experience loss, too. There will be opportunities for renewal and spiritual growth. There will be continued healing and recovery from Brent's death. God will be with us in all these days to come as we move into God's future. I know this because God has surely been present over this year as the congregation has joined

together to remember the past and to consider how to move forward in ministry.

Some dear saints have entered into eternal life in 2007: Marg Bordt, Stephen Emery, Andrew Forsythe, Laurie McBride, and Burney Thomas. Their faithful living was a testimony to God's constant and abiding love.

One of the biggest changes in the year to come is likely to be a new installed pastor. Continue to pray for the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that they find, in the ensuing months, the Pastor whom God has in mind to lead and serve this church. The PNC is working hard and prayerfully as they meet together weekly and do lots of homework. There may be times when you won't see them at worship as they go out to hear candidates. While they can't share with the specifics of their search, know that they are proceeding diligently.

No matter what the time of year is, when a new pastor is called, it will be the season for celebration with an installation, welcome, getting-acquainted (**Be prepared: Make 2008 a year to wear name tags**), and a renewed sense of energy and excitement.

What are some of the events and activities to which you most look forward? Where do you need encouragement? Are you ready to move forward? Is there some area where God is calling you to grow? These are some "timely" questions to ponder as 2008 gets underway.

No matter when the tree goes up, the year to come will be one of the gifts beneath it –to You from God. Thank you for the past year. You are courageous and inspiring. I look forward with hope to this new year and ask God's blessings for you to enjoy each and every day.

Shalom,

Carol Divens Roth, Interim Pastor

## SESSION CORNER

by Peter Herchenroether, Clerk of Session

By now I am sure you have learned of Jean Henderson's decision to resign as Pastor of Visitation, as of January 31, 2008. While we all knew in our heads that this day was inevitable, our hearts hoped for it to always be 'in the future'.

Jean's leadership has been invaluable to our congregation over the past year. Her abilities and compassion as a pastor, coupled with her personal relationships with us as her neighbors and her friendships with Brent and Carol, made her the ideal person to guide us through these turbulent times. We thank God for preparing her for this ministry.

Jan Frisch and Chris Skerlong will plan a celebration of Jean's service to us. Please be alert to information about this event, which will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime, we can all think about the best way to express our appreciation to Jean and offer our best wishes for she and David to enjoy their retirement years together.

### Sunday, January 6 Set To Be A Family Service

Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> will be a **family service** with communion.

Children are welcome to worship and commune as a part of our church family. For those with small children, childcare will be available downstairs in the nursery for infants and toddlers.

**Leaving...But Staying**

-by Jean Henderson, Pastor of Visitation

Dear CPCBA friends,

At the December Session meeting, I submitted my resignation as Interim Pastor of Visitation, effective January 31, 2008. The letter is below, which explains why. But I wish to say some special words to all of you.

Our church, Brent, and I have had our lives woven together in so many different ways over the years - my hometown of Fairmont where he served for 15 years - my serving as Interim Pastor back in the '80s before Brent came to Ben Avon - our frequent contacts and friendship during his ministry with you because of my family's involvement in the church - and then, Brent's death, which brought us closer than any of us thought we would ever be!

Over the past 14 months or so, we have ministered with grace to each other. You have welcomed my using the gifts God gave me. I have welcomed your gifts - such a myriad of them - that God gave you. We have grieved together, yet carried on as the Body of Christ in this place.

Though I am leaving my official capacity and returning to retirement status with David, I am also staying. I'll be at worship, singing and ringing with the choirs, serving on the Adult Ed Committee, and volunteering as needed for the time being.

I cherish your friendships and David and I feel blessed to join you in ministry and mission to work for love and justice.

Fondly, Jean

***Following is a copy of the letter submitted to Session:***

Dear Session members,

This letter is to inform you of my resignation as your part-time Pastor of Visitation effective January 31, 2008. Working with you all for three months as full-time interim pastor and also with Carol for eleven months as part-time visiting pastor has truly been a joy for me, though bittersweet because of Brent's death.

I wish to leave employment at CPCBA in order to pursue some retirement activities with David and our family. I also believe that my leaving should come well before a new pastor is installed so that the new pastor might be unencumbered in deciding what type of staffing is needed for the church's future.

How can I thank you for all your hard work over these months? You have reflected so well the words of a favorite prayer of mine:

“Dear God, we pray for church leaders who have  
the courage of prophets,  
the empathy of priests,  
and the persistence of pilgrims.”

CPCBA has been our family church for over 20 years. I will always consider it our 'church home' and I continually thank God for your faithfulness and sacrificial service.

David and I hope to continue to worship with you and to be as active as possible. Since I will no longer be on staff, I will not be available for pastoral duties, such as weddings, funerals, or baptisms. With your permission, I would like to remain as a volunteer with the bell and chancel choirs and the Adult Education Sub-committee.

I cherish our friendships and thank you for your kindnesses.

**Deacons' Training—January 12  
9:00 a.m. to Noon, Fellowship Hall**

All newly elected Deacons and currently active Deacons are requested to attend training led by Jean Henderson on Saturday, January 12, at the church from 9:00 a.m. until about noon. Inactive Deacons are also welcome.

We will review our duties, using Scripture and our Book of Order. Assignments will be made, meeting dates set, officers elected and installed, and other business addressed.

Please make every effort to be with us to plan for the upcoming year.

**Presbytery Task Force to Meet at CPCBA  
Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

Jean Henderson and Susan Houser, both members of the Presbytery Task Force on Ministry with Sexual Minorities, will host a monthly meeting of that group at our church on January 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

This task force has been very helpful to many of us as we've faced the tragedy of Brent's death. They constantly pray for us and are concerned for us and our continuing ministry.

Jean and Susan and the task force invite any of you who wish to join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. to come and join in the fellowship and conversation. Please call Jean at 412-734-2263 to let her know if you're coming for dinner.

## Adult Education Study Opportunities for the New Year

*All are Welcome, All the Time*

### Praying for Jennifer

#### Wednesday Morning Prayer Groups

Starting January 9, the Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer group will study the book, *Praying for Jennifer*, by John Cobb. This slender volume explores intercessory prayer as it tells the story of a young girl left in a coma after a terrible car accident. As her friends and family gather around Jennifer, they all consider what it means to pray, how it does and doesn't "work," and who God is.

There are no easy answers provided, just thought-provoking discussion as we wrestle with the kinds of questions we all have in times of crisis. Copies of the book will cost \$5. You can sign up at the narthex desk to reserve a copy.

### Five Marks of Spiritual Vitality

#### Sunday Morning and Thursday Evenings

Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m.

January 6, 13, 20, 27, and February. 3. **AND**

Thursday evenings 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

January 10, 17, 24, 31, and Wednesday Feb. 6 (before the Ash Wednesday service)

Do you feel like you're just going through the motions, struggling to keep up with the bills, the kids, the parents, the job, the spouse, the church, the holidays, the unfulfilled expectations, the...life! Where is God in all *that*???

The answer is in ALL of it, but we have to exercise our spirits to keep that perspective in the foreground. This class is meant to help you find new ways, or review old ways, to feel alive in Christ everyday. Rev. Jean Henderson and selected cohorts will focus on 5 ways by which we can attain greater personal spiritual vitality:

By being:

- Prayerful
- Biblically Astute
- Justice-Minded
- Intellectually Active
- Faith-Sharing

Results from the Church Assessment Tool identified *spiritual vitality* as an area of concern for our congregation. In this index, the survey measured the degree to which we believe our faith is central to our lives rather than peripheral or episodic. Compared to other churches of the same size, we scored ourselves the lowest in this area. This class may be one way that we, as a community of Christians, can gird each other up on our journeys with Christ.

### Ongoing Sunday Morning Offerings:

#### Newspaper Fellowship

##### - Bibles, Coffee, Paper and Prayers:

C.S. Lewis said that Christians should pray with the Bible in one hand and the Newspaper in the other. It keeps us mindful of the needs of the world around us as we go to God. Our new Newspaper Fellowship does just that.

Join us in the Chapel anytime between 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. We'll provide the Sunday paper, good coffee and thoughtful conversation. You bring a willing heart, your reading glasses, and some time to read, talk and pray together. All are welcome.

#### Conversations with Mr. Cunningham:

Join Elder Woody Cunningham in Todd Tracy's office upstairs at 9:15 a.m. for discussions on faith, history and other topics of interest. No prerequisites, no homework, come as you are and when you can. All are welcome all the time.

#### Dunamis:

Be on the lookout in the bulletin for information about the Dunamis meeting in January. What is Dunamis, you ask? It's a discussion group that meets to discuss articles or topics that are relevant to our life as Christians.

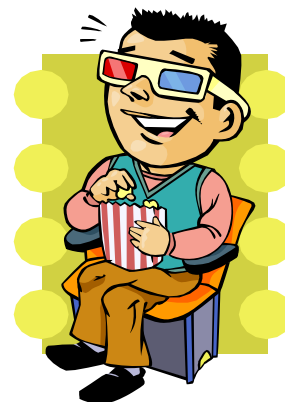
January's discussion will be on an article called, *The Christian Paradox: How a Faithful Nation got Jesus Wrong* that appeared in Harper's Magazine.

Check the bulletin in January for the date of the meeting and contact Susan Houser at 412-732-9599 or gandycat@comcast.net if you are interested in attending or need more information.

#### CPCBA Film Group

Like to watch and study films? The CPCBA Film Group will gather Friday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. The movie and location is yet to be decided.

If you have questions or recommendations for movies, contact Steve Mellon at 412 766 7658.



## The Pastor Nominating Committee Relies on a Strong Set of Values

God has blessed us with guidance and a unity of spirit as we strive to discern the plan He has for Community Church. As the new year begins, we wanted to share with you what we feel are the important values and principles underlying the work of the PNC.

**Prayer and Bible Study** – We begin and end each meeting with prayer and a study of scripture seeking God’s revelation of purpose and direction for our congregation.

**Attendance** – We are committed to frequent meetings so that we can ensure a deliberate pace and forward progress. We meet every week or, occasionally, biweekly.

**Discussion & Dialogue** - We are devoted to fostering an open environment that is safe for all viewpoints. As our group reflects the diversity of our congregation, we bring different ideas and opinions. There is an atmosphere of respect as we listen to each other’s thoughts, remaining always open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Decision Making** – We strive for consensus in decision-making. All members read every Pastor Information Form submitted by interested candidates.

**Confidentiality** – The importance of confidentiality cannot be minimized. We respect the need for privacy of many of the interested pastoral candidates. It is very important that we agree on what is to be communicated outside of our committee.

**Teamwork** – Every PNC member contributes to the process through his or her own gifts and talents. Each has been more than willing to assist others in any way necessary to accomplish our weekly goals.

**Communication** – We continue to urge members of the congregation to speak to any of us if they have questions or comments. Many of us are available after Sunday worship and all are happy to receive phone calls at home. Monthly updates are written for Revelations and progress reports are given to Session.

### JOIN US IN PRAYER

Prayer is essential for the discernment of God’s will. Please continue to join us in prayer for this important process and for the future of Community Church.

#### Your Pastor Nominating Committee

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

## A Musical Tribute to Jean Henderson From Interim Pastor Carol Divens Roth

How can I say thank you to Jean Henderson. Let me count the ways... I’d need a super calculator and even then there probably wouldn’t be enough memory. She is everything a minister of the Gospel should be. I am grateful to call her friend. Jean’s being here through this transition will forever be a shining example of Divine Providence. No one could have done more or done it better. Look up blessing in the dictionary. You’ll find Jean Henderson listed there.

Here’s a humble attempt to capture just a few of her fine gifts.

*Tune: The Beverly Hillbillies theme song*

Let me tell you ‘bout the story of a Rev named Jean,  
She’s the best preacher-teacher that you’ve ever seen,  
Her bedside manner really tops them all,  
& at choir rehearsal, she can knit a prayer shawl  
...warm love...God-gift

A faithful friend and colleague, especially to Brent,  
Her ministry among us has been Heaven-sent,  
When baptizing babies or offering the Cup,  
Her effervescent presence really lifts us up  
...energy...smile-maker

Now when the worries pile up, and we are in a stew,  
Jean’s the first one to say, “Just tell me what to do.”  
She’d rather find solutions than shout out loud a curse;  
Need a quick devotional? She has one in her purse  
...holy quotes...Word-bearer

When you need a listener, she lends a kindly ear,  
When you need a pick-me-up, she’ll be first-in-line to cheer,  
She’s packing up her staff suitcase, but don’t you feel bereft,  
She’ll be singing and bell-ringing as if she never left  
...angel wings...choir woman

## 2008 Lenten Season Begins February 6

Unlike Christmas which always falls on December 25<sup>th</sup>, Easter is what is known as a moveable feast. It’s calculated on a lunar calendar, based on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. (However, a blue moon can throw everything off.)

What all of this means in 2008 is that Easter will be March 23, one of the earliest dates it can be. That means Lent, which begins six weeks before, will start on February 6 on Ash Wednesday. There will be more details in the worship bulletins and on the website.



### Meet Our Newest Member

MONICA LIAO—On December 2, 2007, **Monica Liao** joined Community Church's congregation. Monica and her husband, **Morris**, live on Church Avenue in Ben Avon. Morris works for Dick's Sporting Goods and they just moved here in July. She is currently a homemaker and they are expecting their first baby in December. So by the time this is published there will be a new Liao in town.

Monica has her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and did her graduate work at Vanderbilt University where she received her PhD in Sociology and Religion. Monica's interests include oil painting, sewing, reading and cooking.



## Welcome!



### Church Choirs Always Open to New Members

From our youngest church musicians to our oldest, we invite you to join one of the choirs of CPCBA.

#### Junior Choir—for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

If you are the parent of a 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grader, please urge them to sing with the Jr. Choir. They meet on Sunday mornings after the 10:30 a.m. service. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids because they haven't yet gotten it in their heads that music is difficult. Jr. Choir participation will be of great help to them as they begin playing band or orchestral instruments in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### Bell Choir—for 6<sup>th</sup> Graders through adults

The Bell Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.. If you have always wanted to play in an ensemble but never learned to play an instrument, this is the place for you. The physical act of creating a sound on a bell is not difficult, and the music reading aspect you will learn by osmosis. This group is multi-generational, very upbeat, and you will have fun.

#### Chancel Choir—7<sup>th</sup> Graders through adults

The Chancel Choir, our most visible ensemble, meets on Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. If you sing in the shower, the car, or while you're going about your daily work, you are more than qualified to participate. Singing in a choir is not about how well you sing, or how well you read music; it is about doing something you already love for the One who loves you.

If you are curious about being a part of the music at CPCBA, talk with any member of any choir, or with Barbara McKelway or David Anderson. We look forward to hearing you.

### Recipe for Chinese Dumplings

A number of people have asked for a recipe for the Chinese dumplings that were prepared and served at the Mellon Mission dinner. Here is one that you can try:

#### Amy Tan's Family's Jiaozi (dumplings)

8 oz. Napa Cabbage, shredded (8-10 leaves)  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1 tsp. sugar  
 8 oz. ground pork  
 1 Tbsp. minced garlic  
 2 tsp. soy sauce  
 1 tsp. Shao Hsing rice wine or dry sherry  
 1 tsp. oyster sauce (optional)  
 1 pkg. gyoza wrappers (purchase at Asian food store, these are round and come in a variety of types, e.g. Hong Kong style, Shanghai style, etc. Does not really matter which ones.)

- Put 1 level tablespoon of the filling in the center of each round. Fold the round in half to form a half moon. Pinch one end of the half moon together. Starting at this end, use your thumb and index finger to make a pleat in the top piece of the dough and press it firmly into the bottom piece of the dough. Continue making 3 or 4 pleats until the dumpling is completely closed. Stand each dumpling with the rounded edge upright and put on a tray dusted with flour or cornstarch.
- In a large pot, bring 3 quarts of water to a boil, covered over high heat. Once the water comes to a boil, add 2 teaspoons salt and half the dumplings, and return to a boil over high heat. Add 1 cup cold water and return to a boil. Boil about 5 minutes or until the pork is no longer pink and is cooked through. Remove dumplings with a slotted spoon and divide into soup bowls. Cook the remaining dumplings in the same manner.
- Serve with black vinegar, soy sauce or ginger sauce. The Chinese say that these symbolize thanksgiving and family unity.



Makes about 30 dumplings.

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**Newly-elected Elders and Deacons To Be Ordained and Installed During the 10:30 Worship Service on January 13**

Ordination is carried out by the church to set apart persons for specific service, called offices. Elders and Deacons are servants of the church. We don't have a hierarchical (Episcopal) system. Officers are elected by the congregation from among their members. Once ordained, an officer is an Elder or Deacon for life, but can only serve for three years at a time as an active officer. To serve again, one must be nominated by the church nominating committee and elected by the congregation. Then they are installed.

By the way, clergy are also officers of the church, elected by the congregation. However, they are ordained by the presbytery rather than the local church. That's why, when a new pastor is elected for CPCBA, the installation service (which may also be an ordination service if the new pastor is not yet ordained), will include representatives of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

All three officer categories answer the same eight questions as to their belief and practice. A ninth question varies slightly according to the office.

Then the congregation is asked if they are willing to accept the leadership of these officers, chosen by God to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

According to the denomination's constitution, Elders originated in the Old Testament and had gifts to govern the people. Their duties include responsibility for every aspect of the life of the church from worship to building maintenance to mission.

The office of Deacon is also from Scripture—to offer a ministry of sympathy, witness, and service as Jesus did. They care for people who are hospitalized, in long-term care residences, and who are homebound.

Active Elders serve on the current Session, governing body. Deacons have a board. Please pray for the work of these servant-leaders, especially as they guide the church through this transitional year.

**Deacons to be ordained & installed January 13:**

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| Alan Bauer       | Henry Mokube |
| Nancy Crawford   | Rachel Pool  |
| Casey Cunningham | Ed Stauffer  |
| Lisa Kroen       |              |

**Deacon to be installed (previously ordained):**

- Maureen Kowalski

**Elders to be ordained and installed:**

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| Jan Davis            | Beth Joyce     |
| Wendy Herchenroether | Walt Robertson |

**Elders to be installed (previously ordained):**

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| Clair Cranville | Paul Fitting |
| Jim Pool        |              |

Following the ordination of the new Elders and Deacons on January 13 at the 10:30 a.m. service, the Fellowship and Evangelism committee invites you to a brunch in Fellowship Hall.

**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 ..... Doug Simmons
- 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 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; 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



**The Christian Education Committee To Sponsor a Workshop on:  
Children and the Internet – What Parents Need to Know  
Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Knowing how to use a computer doesn't mean you can keep up with your child's online activity. Social Networking, virtual realities and online gaming are such a big part of many children's lives, and parents of even young children need new tools to talk with their children about the choices they make in that world.

Children are being introduced to the concept of a separate 'online personality' through Webkinz and Club Penguin toys. Older children may have experienced online bullying. Tweens and teens need guidance as they express themselves, create content and interact with others on the Internet.

We'll take a look at 6 areas of the online world, talk about why "blocking" isn't the answer, and discuss a child's ability to understand the issues in managing a public online identity.

Join us to explore this new world and hear some

professional and practical suggestions/strategies for you and your family.

The class will be led by Julia Tebbets, Educational Technology Team Leader at Sewickley Academy. Julia has received much praise for her workshops in the area and we are glad to be able to provide this opportunity for our community.

Advance registrations are encouraged. Simply call Melanie Holcomb at 412-761-1233 to sign up. Of course, walk-ins are welcome as well.

**There will be a \$10 fee for this workshop, with scholarships available.**

All are welcome, please share this with your friends and neighbors.

