

Revelations

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202

CPCBA All-Church Retreat Set for April 14 and 15

Program Designed to Get Feedback from the Congregation to Aid the Pastoral Nominating Committee in their Search for a New Pastor.

It's a cold, snowy, blowy, icy day in February. You have snow shovel fatigue. You have cabin fever. You need a dream. You need a real escape. You need to know: *You CAN Get There from Here!*

You need the CPCBA Family Retreat at Laurelville, April 14 and 15.

We'll take some time to reflect on this congregation and what God is calling us to be and do as we move forward in calling a new pastor. Dozens of experts will take a look at the past, present and future of CPCBA. *Those experts are YOU*, the men, women, and young people of this church. You're the ones who know the story of how this church came to be. You are the ones actively involved in mission and ministry today. You are the ones who have hopes for the future. You are the ones dreaming dreams of and on behalf of the people who aren't even here yet.

The retreat is designed to hear from you. Soon there will be a Pastoral Nominating Committee in place. A substantial part of their work will be to assist the congregation in a mission study, i.e., discerning God's plan for this church. Bible study, prayer, and community time are essential to the discernment process, and all three will be at the heart of the retreat.

We'll ponder what makes this church special, what are the most important issues we face, what changes you think are required, as well as other questions. How about if you were asked: If a 28 year-old-male school teacher, his carpenter wife, and their children, ages 5 and 3, moved here from 1,000 miles away and visited CPCBA next week, what are the reasons they would quit "church shopping" and keep worshipping here?

It doesn't matter how long you've been a part of this church. Long-term and brand-new members' perspectives are vital for this

journey. You are all part of what this church is becoming. Our work will be richer if it reflects our diversity as a congregation.

We'll have fun doing our work and then there's more fun to be had in our fun. There will be group activities and opportunities for some retreating on your own.

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center is located in Mt. Pleasant in, as the name suggests, the Laurel Mountains. Laurelville is about 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. You definitely can get there from here, but you can't get claustrophobic in its gorgeous 250 acres. Surrounded by the beauties of nature, we will also have comfortable accommodations. The Solarhouse where we will stay has 32 rooms, each with private baths. First floor rooms each have a queen-sized bed and bunk beds. The second floor rooms have queen-sized beds and two twin beds in a loft with steps.

A gym is available along with tennis courts, bicycle trails, hiking trails, and a prayer labyrinth. A trout stream runs through the grounds, so if you have PA fishing license, bring your gear. Fishing seasons opens on the 14th.

The retreat begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, the 14th with check-in and concludes after lunch on Sunday, April 15. We'll have worship with communion on Sunday. There will be special programs for children. Four meals will be provided. This retreat is an opportunity for your family to come and be part of the journey that the whole church family is making.

It took Moses and the Israelites 40 years to get to the Promised Land, but they made it! We're only going 40 miles to Laurelville, a first step on a journey to the future God has prepared for CPCBA. *You CAN Get There From Here!* Come and see for yourself—together.

Brochures for registration will be available soon with details about cost. Confidential scholarships are available. Call Carol Divens Roth at 412-761-1233. For questions about the retreat, call Nancy Hamilton at 724-935-1754 or e-mail her at bigdog1@nauticom.net.



My View on Church Avenue

by Pastor Carol Divens Roth

Dear Friends,

Thanks for going so easy on me when we had our “meet the pastor” gathering on Feb. 18. No one asked me a question that began “If two trains leave Philadelphia, one heading east, the other west at a speed of...” You would have discovered quickly I’m an algebra-phobe.

We will celebrate of ritual of questions together on Maundy Thursday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall, with a Seder meal and Communion. The Seder, which is from the Hebrew for “order,” is a Passover celebration in which families gather around the table to enjoy a meal together and share the heritage of faith by recalling God’s deliverance of the Chosen People through the Exodus from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. The ritual has its origins in the commandment of Exodus 13:8: *You shall tell your son (child), this is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.*

It is a part of our faith ancestry as well and a fitting way to tell our children of our past as this church looks to the future. So we will eat together on Maundy Thursday and answer the questions: ***Why is this night different from all other nights? Why do we eat bitter herbs? Why do we dip the herbs twice? Why do we recline?***

As the answers are given, we will learn by listening, reciting, and tasting the story.

The Seder will conclude with the search for the Afikoman (a piece of hidden matzah) and there will be prizes.

Then, still at table, we will pass the bread and the cup of Communion, much as Jesus may have done when

he shared the Passover meal with his disciples at the Last Supper. And we will ask again: ***Why is this night different from all other nights?*** As the answers are given, we will learn by listening, reciting, and tasting the story of our salvation and deliverance from sin.

This Seder/Communion is a celebration for the whole church family. It is meant to be as lively as any family when we gather to eat together for a special occasion. Children are an integral part of the festivities. What we do has serious meaning but it will not be solemn.

For those of you who have taken part in Seders with Jewish friends, you can expect that our observance will be modified somewhat, but all the basic elements will be there. We will have a simple meal in keeping with our Lenten season. The meal will also include samples of the Seder plate with bitter herbs, hard-boiled eggs, haroset (a mixture of chopped fruit and nuts), karpas (a green vegetable) which you may try or decline. Our wine, of course, will be grape juice.

This is a special way to celebrate Maundy Thursday and its meaning to our faith. By the way, “Maundy” is from the Latin phrase “mandatum novum” which is “new commandment,” given by Jesus to his followers as he told them love one another as I have loved you.

So leave Philadelphia or your home at a safe rate of speed and head for CPCBA on April 5. You’ll find the answer to the question how one loaf and one cup can feed the whole world with God’s love.

Shalom.

Office Hours Set by Interim Pastor

Our interim pastor, Carol Divens Roth, is usually at the church Sunday through Thursday. She’ll try to be in the office on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for you to drop by. It would be a good idea to call first in case she’s out making a hospital call.

Feel free to call her at home 412-441-6004. Home e-mail is revdiv@aol.com. You can e-mail her at the church at cdivensroth@verizon.net. Our technology team is working on some new email addresses for the church staff, so watch for a *Revelations* near you soon.

Seven High School Students Sacrifice Spring Break to Continue Clean-Up Work in New Orleans

Seven high school students from our congregation and community will be participating in a spring break trip to New Orleans this April 1-6. The students and their adult chaperones will spend this week working with Youth Conference Ministries (YCM) to help bring relief to those still affected by hurricane Katrina. It is a true testament to these young peoples commitment to their faith and to God’s work in the world that they would give up their one week off school to work in this way. Please watch for upcoming fundraisers for this trip.



Adult Education Opportunities

New Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall to Mirror Children's Rotation Class Schedule



During the month of March, join us as we study and discuss the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. This class will mirror our children's monthly Sunday School lesson, but in an adult Bible study with deeper themes.

March 4 – Straight-On Bible Study: We'll read Matthew, Mark, and Luke's accounts of the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. We'll talk about the historical and cultural context of the readings. Bring your Bibles!

March 11 – Controversies in Faith: Do you believe in miracles?

March 18 – Hands-On Fun: Rev. Jean Henderson will be there to plan something fun related to the loaves and the fishes. But she is basking in the Florida sun at this writing, so we don't know exactly what this will be. But...it's Jean!...and it will be great!

March 25 – Life Application: What is the message for our contemporary culture in the story of the loaves and fishes? What is the message for you and me today?

Please join us at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall for this new adventure in Adult Education, discussion and fellowship!

Sincerely,

Your March Adult Education hosts,
Lyn Robertson, Joyce Grater and Jean Henderson

Newspaper Fellowship — Bagels, Bibles, Coffee, Paper and Prayers 9:15 Sunday mornings

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 will do just that.

Join us in the upstairs Chapel anytime between 9:15 and 10:15 am. We'll provide the Sunday paper, good coffee and bagels. You bring a willing heart, your reading glasses, and some time to read, talk and pray together. Led by Elder Jane DeSimone. All are welcome.



Conversations with Mr. Cunningham



Deacon Woody Cunningham offers an hour of conversation, prayer, and inspiration on a variety of topics of interest.

Join Mr. Cunningham each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the upstairs Conference Room. All are welcome.

New Children's Activity Bags Available For Use During Worship Services

You may notice a big basket at the entrance to the sanctuary filled with colorful canvas bags. These are our new worship bags for children.

Each contains a bible story book, crayons and scratch paper. Children are welcome to take one to use during the service. Parents are asked to be sure the bags are returned to the basket after use. If a bag is in need of supplies or repair, please leave it on the desk in the Narthex.

Many thanks to June Weletz for helping to establish this ministry.

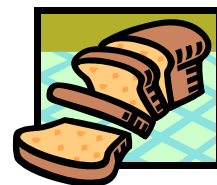


Outreach Committee to Sponsor Annual Lenten Bread Sunday—March 18th

Mark your calendars for March 18th and dig out your recipes for your favorite breads! It is our annual Lenten Bread Sunday. We will be collecting the breads during the church services and then selling them during the Fellowship Hour following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to raise money for a special mission opportunity.

As you may recall, each year at Easter we have a special One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Two thirds of our gifts support the Presbyterian Committee for Self Development, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The remaining third is designated for a mission that has special meaning to a member or members of our congregation. The money we collect on Bread Sunday will jump-start the collection for this special mission. Our honoree and the designated mission organization will be announced on Bread Sunday.

Please clearly mark what type of bread you have made, and if it contains nuts, please indicate this as well.



Meet Our Newest Members

On Sunday, January 21, 25 new members were taken into our Fellowship. Please read their bios and find their pictures on the Fellowship and Evangelism pages and give them a warm welcome to our family of faith.

Bonnie Bell grew up in Bellevue and is currently a resident in Ohio Township. Widowed a year ago, she has 2 daughters, **Emily**, a student at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown who also became a member and Shelby, 11, at Avonworth Middle School. She is a full time child care worker. As a busy working Mom – her hobbies have to wait.

Adam and Sandra Bolain live on Dalzell and were neighbors of Brent's in Ben Avon, but both grew up in Arkansas and moved here from Dallas, TX 2½ years ago. Their son Austin is 18 months old. Sandra is a Landscape Architect with Burt Hill and enjoys reading and writing. Adam is responsible for Quality Assurance for HJ Heinz Co. and enjoys gardening, painting, and college sports.

Joseph (Joe) and Michelle Dawley live on Canterbury in Ben Avon Heights. Joe, originally from Massachusetts, is an attorney and enjoys mountain biking and skiing. Michelle originally from Virginia is a stay at home mom and enjoys cooking, baking, and reading. Their children, Abby 5 ½ and Jordan 2 ½ are both in preschool.

Cornelius (Neil) and Catherine DeYoung are new neighbors as of May 2006 at the Masonic Village. Originally from New Jersey they moved here from Florida to be closer to family. They have 3 grown children, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Neil is a retired building contractor and enjoys gardening. Catherine was an administrative assistant and enjoys reading.

Paul and Joanna Fitting have lived in Pittsburgh's North Hills and Washington Landing for over 40 years before they decided to move to the Masonic Village. Their 3 grown children, including another new member Lisa Schmitt, all live in Pittsburgh and each have 2 children. Paul retired from sales and marketing department of Burt Hill and enjoys wood working, sculpture, reading and travel. He has a rose garden at their home. Joanna is a docent at the Carnegie Museum of Art and enjoys painting, jewelry making/bead collecting and reading.

Sarah Frank and her husband Scott live in Brighton Heights, next door to her mom, Eleanor Springer, who is also a new member. Having moved here from New York, she is the Director of Social Services at Kane Regional Hospital in Ross Twp. Her hobbies include exercise and collecting marionettes and vintage sweaters. She enjoys garage sales, thrift stores, and time with friends and family.

Gail Lipchak lives on Eicher Rd. in Kilbuck Township with her husband Frank. Originally from Berlin, PA, she is a 2nd grade teacher at Avonworth Elementary School. A busy mom of 5, she enjoys walking, swimming and reading. Jackson is 8 months old, Colton 8 years, Breanna 10, Nicole 13, and Jessica, 14, is in this year's confirmation class.

Robert Lyons, widowed 5 years ago, moved from Wexford to Naples, FL and then to the Masonic Village in September 2005. He has 3 sons and 8 grandchildren. A retired VP and General Manager of Alling & Cory Paper Company, he enjoys golf, volunteering and reading.

Renee Miskimmin lives on Church Ave. in Ben Avon, a Pittsburgher, who grew up in McKeesport. She is a family medicine practitioner working for Health America. Renee has already joined the choir's alto section. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, needlework, and house repairs.

Art and Michelle Mang live in Emsworth. Art grew up in Bellevue and Michelle on Prince Edward Island, Canada. Art owns Mang Plumbing; Michelle works in child care with new member Bonnie Bell. They have 2 children Ali, 9, and AJ, 13, who is involved with the youth group. Michelle enjoys reading. Art enjoys golf, and they both enjoy the beach.

David and Kelly Natale live on Brighton Rd. in Ben Avon with their 16 month old son Enzo. Kelly is a 5th grade teacher at Wexford Elementary in Pine-Richland School District and David is a Regional Marketing Manager at Dick's Clothing and Sporting Goods. They both enjoy travel, vacations and family time. Kelly is an "American Idol" fan and David tunes into college football. Enzo was the first baby to be baptized at the 8:30 AM service.

PEACE Lenten Dinners Continue

**Each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Followed by Worship Service
at 6:45 p.m.**



*The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.*

*They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as
the waters cover the sea.* - from Isaiah 11

Lisa Schmitt lives on Breeding in Ben Avon with her 2 sons Isaac, 10, and Aaron, 8. Her parents, new members the Fittings, live nearby at the Masonic Village. Her new job located in the Southside Works is at MAYA Design as an Interaction Designer. She sings soprano in the choir and enjoys antiques, art, being outdoors, and skiing.

Crissie Sheffler grew up across the river in Moon Township but has lived in Ohio Township for the last 10 years with her husband Gary (Bud) and 2 children Ryan 12 and Megan 8. She is the Secretary/Treasurer for Sheffler & Co., an engineering and surveying company. She enjoys golf and skiing.

Eleanor Springer is a retired minister's wife and she has joined the church with her daughter, Sarah Frank. Originally from Brownsville, PA, she and her late husband lived in New York where he served as an ordained minister for 40 years. When he retired, they returned to Brownsville where he continued to serve. Now living near Sarah in Brighton Heights, Eleanor also has a son and 4 grandchildren living in Ohio. She enjoys reading.

Dan and Holly Tedys live on Allegheny Ave in Emsworth and they first visited the church on Girl Scout Sunday with their daughter. Holly is a Corporate Travel Agent and enjoys reading, walking and baking. Dan works for Valvoline Oil and is an Emsworth firefighter. He enjoys hunting, fishing, music, and woodworking. They both enjoy time with their 2 children Ashley 5 and Dylan, who is 18 months old.



Welcome!

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a vision of Shalom, the Hebrew word for the peace that passes all understanding. The Church has interpreted this vision as a prophecy about the "little child," the one we know as the Prince of Peace.

Encountering Peace in various ways will be the theme of Lent as we gather together on Wednesday evenings for a simple supper followed by peace-focused worship services led by your staff. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the service at 6:45, concluding no later than 7:30 p.m.

A list of each week's emphasis follows, along with the menu. Make your reservation by filling out cards in the bulletin, call the church, or just come with your family. Worship and have fellowship together in the name of the one who brings a peace that the world cannot give.

February 28 - PRAYING FOR PEACE

- 6:00 p.m. Casserole Delight
A-P: Cookies or Fruit; Q-Z: Salad
- 6:45 p.m. Led by David Anderson, Barbara McKelway, and the Chancel Choir

March 7 - EXPERIENCING PEACE

- 6:00 p.m. Pasta Buffet
A-P: Salad; Q-Z: Cookies or Fruit
- 6:45 p.m. Led by Melanie Hughes-Holcomb

March 14 - ACCOMPLISHING PEACE

- 6:00 p.m. Meat Loaf Dinner
A-P: Cookies or Fruit; Q-Z: Salad
- 6:45 p.m. Led by Jean Henderson

March 21 - CREATING PEACE

- 6:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner
A-P: Salad; Q-Z: Cookies or Fruit
- 6:45 p.m. Led by Carol Divens Roth

March 28 - EXCLAIMING PEACE

- 6:00 p.m. Pork Roast Dinner
A-P: Cookies or Fruit; Q-Z: Salad
- 6:45 p.m. Led by Todd Tracy

The Fellowship and Evangelism Committee will supply the main dish. In this season of Lent, please feel free to go light on the cookies.

**Request for Adults to Serve at
Camp Crestfield Spring Work Camp
April 17-19, 2007**

Calling all adults interested in a few days of Mission, Fellowship and Discipleship in the beautiful setting of Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock. We invite you to join us for three days to grow in your faith in Christ by sharing your gifts, talents, and skills to a variety of ministries in the Slippery Rock area. Whatever your age or skill, there is a job for you to give back your talents to the community.

Accommodations range in price from \$70 - \$135 for room and board for the three days, depending on the group's choice of accommodations. There are two lodges, one hotel style, the other dormitory style, and cabins. The lodges have singles, double, and triple rooms.

Participants will be doing work both in town and at the camp. While your days will be spent working, the evenings are yours to enjoy. Crestfield offers a range of activities, from Hayrides through the woods, nature hikes, camp fires, and canoeing to nightly worship opportunities.

Think you might be interested in joining the team April 17th-19th? Contact Todd Tracy at 412-761-1233 for more information.

**Monthly Craft and Scrapbooking Nights!
Next Class on March 20th at 6:30 p.m.**

Come and work on your Prayer Shawls!

Join us in Fellowship Hall for monthly Craft Nights! Have a project you've been meaning to work on? Bring your knitting, scrapbooking, needle point, or whatever you 'craft' for a night of fellowship and fun.



If you are working on Prayer Shawls, this would be the perfect time to get some knitting or crocheting done. And if you don't craft, feel free to bring any project you need to get done. Feel free to bring guests!

Please RSVP to Susan Houser at 412-732-9599 or gandycat@comcast.net. It is optional to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, soda will be provided. 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!

Please note that there have been **date changes!**

Tuesday, March 20th	6:30-10:30 PM
Wednesday, April 18th	6:30-10:30 PM
Saturday, May 19 th	4-11 PM



by Deacon Austin DeSimone

Blood Drive Thank-You

The deacons would like to thank all of you who braved the elements on Sunday, February 11th to donate blood at our second annual Blood Drive. Twenty-two blood products were donated. Lets make next year an even bigger success!

**Ever Wonder What That
Red Per Capita Envelope in
Your Offering Envelope Booklet Is For?**

With the new year well underway, most of you have been using your offering envelope booklets. The very first envelope is marked "per capita." This offering of \$20 per church member in each household is divided between our presbytery, synod, and general assembly to enable them to coordinate the church's mission and to carry out the ecclesiastical roles they've been given.

Because per capita is based on a church's active membership, each church contributes its fair share. Larger churches don't pay more per member than smaller congregations; smaller churches have equal participation in the work of the body of Christ.

Community Church is committed to paying the per capita apportionment. If you can make this donation for your household (\$20 for each person who's a member), then the money designated for per capita in the church budget can be used for our mission and ministry.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**Daylight Savings Time to Begin This Month
"Spring Forward" Sunday March 11**

You lose an hour's sleep when you set your clocks ahead one hour, Sunday, March 11, the early version of Daylight Savings Time.

To make it up to you, March 11 is Wooden Ladder Sunday in worship, so come hear the children of our preschool sing praise during the 10:30 a.m. service; then enjoy the fellowship hour afterwards to meet and greet our Wooden Ladder parents, staff, and children.

Just don't forget Spring Forward one hour!

**Special Congregational Meeting To Be
Held Sunday, March 18 Following
10:30 am. Worship Service.**

A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2007, following the 10:30 worship service, in the sanctuary for the purpose of receiving a report from the Nominating Committee and electing members of the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

Choral Music to Reflect Mood of the Lenten Season

- by David Anderson

It has been a couple weeks since you've heard the choir singing Glorias and Alleluias. The music of the church has taken on a different character as we journey together through the Lenten Season.

Major keys, associated with music written to facilitate praise and rejoicing, have been replaced with music written in minor tonalities, composed to be reflective of the suffering, both physical and emotional, of Jesus. Texts become extremely graphic, speaking of blood and gore, agony, and utter hopelessness.

We desire that our hymns and anthems this Lenten Season will help you to more fully experience the sacrifice of Jesus and will embolden you to sacrifice for others, that as you resonate with the suffering of Jesus, you would be more inclined than ever to share your blessings with those who, for whatever reason, suffer.

Barbara McKelway to Play Recital At First Lutheran Church Downtown Wednesday, March 7 at 12:30 p.m.

Barbara McKelway will be playing a recital Wednesday, March 7 at 12:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church downtown. The half hour recital is part of the church's Lenten Series and follows a brief worship service at 12:10.

Come for the worship and recital or come for the recital - all are invited and welcome. The church is on Grant Street across from the U.S. Steel Building.

Flower Committee Has Many Dates Available for Memorial Flowers

The Flower Committee has many Sunday's that are available for memorial or honorary flowers to be placed in the sanctuary to beautify our worship services.



If this sounds like something you'd like to participate in, please call Mary Susan Anderson in the church office at 412-761-1233. She will help you select a date and script for the bulletin.

A donation of \$35 per vase is appreciated. Please write "flower fund" in the memo section of your check!

Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any other questions please call Judy Hay at 412-318-4998.

Community Theatre Players Update No Spring Production Planned

There will be no spring production from Community Theatre Players. They are looking forward to recruiting additional talent for backstage in time to put on a production in the fall.



Stay tuned for details in future issues.

If you are interested in helping please contact Mary Witul 412-734-2772.

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon Directory

Interim Pastor.....	Carol Divens Roth
Pastor of Visitation.....	Jean H. Henderson
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
Hostess.....	Claire Wilwohl
Maintenance Manager.....	Don Evanochko
Clerk of Session.....	Peter Herchenroether
Treasurer.....	Barbara Barcousky
Trustees, President.....	Doug Simmons
Deacons, Chair.....	Kerry Crilley
Junior Church, Coordinator.....	Jan Davis
Wooden Ladder Preschool.....	Brenda Mellon
Financial Secretaries:.....	John Ferguson
.....	Royce Rice
.....	Deb Sadowski
.....	Dick Schneider
Web Masters.....	Susan and Marty Houser

Committee Chairs:

Christian Education.....	Clair Cranville
Fellowship & Evangelism.....	Nancy Hamilton
Nominating Committee.....	Jennifer Knuth
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.)
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 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.

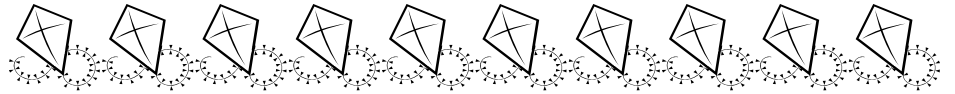
We are led by the Holy Spirit to use our abundant blessings and diverse talents progressively for evangelism, discipleship, stewardship and mission.

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



**Many Thanks to All Who Made Last Quarter's
2¢-a-Meal Collection a Great Success
Over \$600 Donated!**

The wagon collection from January was a wonderful success; \$632 was collected. In the past, the Outreach Committee designated different hunger-related organizations to receive these donations. This year, however, they decided to let the children involved in the Sunday morning Adventureland program share in this important decision.

The 4th & 5th grade Sunday School children have been researching various hunger relief organizations and have selected two to receive this money.

One is **Heifer International** which supplies families with the education and animals to become self sustaining as well as to be able to market their animal products for a small profit.

The other organization is **America's Second Harvest**. They help to supply food banks throughout the United States. They have also created a Kids Café and Backpack program to serve children within the community who are in need of food.

The **Kids Cafés** work through existing organizations (Boys/Girls clubs, after school programs, etc) to feed the children who are in need, and the **Back Pack program** discreetly sends home a backpack of food with the child for the weekend.

Our children were very sincere in their research and learning about hunger issues. They have done a very good job of being faithful stewards with this project.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this collection and for the lessons learned. Please continue to save your loose change so that the next collection will be just as successful!

