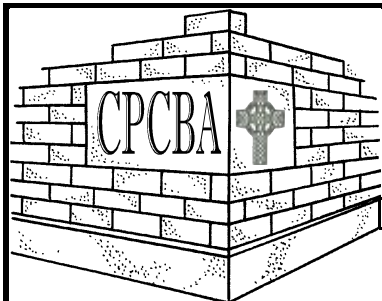


# Revelations

Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon ~ Pittsburgh, PA 15202



## Building on the Promises

Capital Campaign 2005-2008

### Spring Saturday Night Out On The Town

Invite the neighbors and bring the whole family to a gourmet buffet supper followed by a concert with popular Christian recording artist, Tom Franzak, on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

It's all free . . . supper and a one-hour concert, followed by a dessert reception, closing at 9:00 p.m.

We'll be celebrating the ***Building on the Promises Capital Campaign***, offering an opportunity to invite friends to our hospitable congregation, and providing an evening out for the entire family. **And isn't that one of the reasons we live in a community like this?**

Make your last minute reservations by phoning the church office at 412 761-1233, or emailing the church at [cpcba@verizon.net](mailto:cpcba@verizon.net).

### CELEBRATE PENTECOST ON MAY 15<sup>th</sup> Morning and Evening

You wouldn't want to miss the Christmas service, would you? Then plan to come celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church this **Pentecost**, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. And, since the Spirit has set us on fire for Jesus Christ, **let's all wear combinations of red, orange, yellow and blue** that morning—we'll be aflame for spreading the

Good News.

*Pentecost* 

**Decorate your homes**, plan a party, exchange gifts if you want. Let your neighbors know that you're on fire for Jesus Christ!

The 10:30 a.m. service will include the **confirmation of our church's eighth graders** as they become adult members of the church. We celebrate the spirit present in these young people, and embrace them as brothers and sisters in Christ. And we'll gather at the Lord's Table to receive the grace of Christ who has forgiven all of our sins.

Then we'll sing and dance in the aisles later that day when we gather for a Wonders of Worship—*Wow!* Service—at 6:00 p.m.

**WOW!**

Come experience the  
**Wonders of  
Worship**

**Sunday, May 15  
6:00 p.m.**

### Spring Cleaning Shower for Hearth!

Supplies will be collected by the Outreach Committee during the month of May. A partial list of supplies that are needed: no wax floor cleaner, comet, 409, furniture polish, window cleaner, oven cleaner, tub & tile cleaner, dishwashing liquid (no dishwashers), spot remover, laundry detergent, fabric softener, bleach, dryer sheets, Brillo pads, buckets, mops, brooms trash bags, sponges, and paper towels.



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# My View on Church Avenue

by Pastor Brent Dugan

Most churches embarking on a major capital campaign employ the services of experts in fund-raising. Although we got some good professional advice, we decided that we did not need to “spend money to get money.” We were assured that our good members would rally to the cause of caring for this precious House of God in the center of our community . . . and in the center of our lives.

In our amateur way, we selected a campaign theme—***Building on the Promises***. The theme reminded us of the old gospel hymn, “Standing on the Promises.” The hymn proclaims our witness as standing on God’s promises of mercy, forgiveness, life with meaning, and the promise of eternal life.

But there were other promises to consider: promises of members of this church—and builders of this edifice—that go back nearly 150 years. And there were also the promises you and I have made to be faithful members of the Church of Jesus Christ. How many millions of dollars have been given!

We do not need a Pope to give us direction, and no

emissary of his to tell us how much to give. We only need to remember the promises: God’s, theirs, and ours.

As I write this, only 50 pledges have been received in support of the Campaign. Do we have yours? We are counting on the support of every member . . . not only to meet the goal of \$410,000, but that our combined love—our promises—would show forth our desire to make CPCBA a bright and shining beacon for God’s love in our community.

May I remind you, once again, that we are privileged to worship in a beautiful facility renovated and enlarged by insurance proceeds—no sacrificial request has been made of our people in over 20 years. It’s time!

## TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION

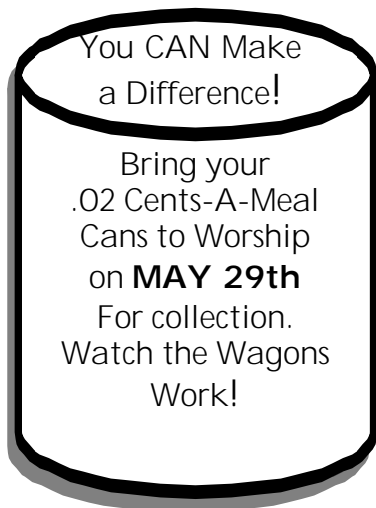
If we’re asking for sacrificial gifts to the ***Building on the Promises*** Campaign, then we need to give you a token of appreciation for your support. What shall we give? What would be meaningful to you? Could we do something that would support a local business?

The solution . . . and your gift? A tile commemorating the ***Building on the Promises*** Campaign from Red Clay Tile Works, Meade Avenue, in Bellevue. A medallion, currently in process . . . all hand-made. You’ll be awarded your token with a gracious Thank-you.



## Children’s Sunday, May 22nd

Children’s Sunday on May 22nd will be a day like you’ve never seen before. Instead of simply admiring our wonderful (and plentiful) kids, we will be lead in worship and lit by the bright faces of the littlest among us. It is a day to remember to LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE, and our children will do their very best to show you how. Let them touch your heart as they lead us in worship to the Lord who has the greatest heart of all, a heart for you. Join us at 10:30 for this wonderful time. We will also take this opportunity to recognize those who have helped us along the way. If you have been a teacher or shepherd for our children this year, won’t you join us? This will also be the last day of Sunday School this year.



## Our Family News

*Deaths*  
**THOMAS F. NELSON**  
 April 7, 2005

### Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Work downtown? Then why not join fellow CPCBA "ties" as they gather on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 a.m. through the street level door of First Presbyterian Church on Sixth Street? Grab a Starbucks and join us as we read through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians? There was one new member last month! And we'd like to include you on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gatherings continue on the first Tuesday of the month throughout the summer.

Stay-at-home on Wednesday mornings? Join the pre-school rush hour into the parking lot for a wonderful Bible Study fellowship each Wednesday morning in the upstairs Conference Room. There's coffee and fellowship and a look at the mighty pages of scripture now through May 25<sup>th</sup>. Assigned readings are in the Sunday bulletin.



By Deacon Marty Houser

In May, with spring emerging all around us, the deacons will be recharging their spiritual batteries with a retreat at the Pittsburgh Presbytery. The Rev. Tim Jones, the pastor for medium-sized churches (the category into which CPCBA falls), will guide the deacons through the retreat. Pray that the deacons may find insight, wisdom, and spiritual nourishment that will lift them up in their tasks with the joy and love of Jesus Christ.

Also, to celebrate Mother's Day on May 8, the deacons will be distributing a small gift of appreciation to the women of the congregation. They will be distributed as you exit the service. "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." - Proverbs 31:28.

### Parking Lot Safety

Dampening our Wooden Ladder Sunday joy was the incident in the parking lot where two cars were broken into and items stolen. A few members of the church were undaunted in their chase after the juvenile perpetrators and, with the help of Kilbuck Police, two juveniles were caught and stolen goods returned. Still, we advise everyone who parks in the Rostrevor Place lot to make sure that no valuables are left in their cars, that security systems (if you have one) are on alert, and that you use "The Club" on your steering wheel. The Kilbuck police promise us that they will regularly patrol our parking lot Sunday mornings and each evening.

### New Session Committee Chairs

The work of the staff and the Board of Deacons notwithstanding, our church runs on the energy of nine Session committees, their sub-committees and task forces: *Stewardship and Finance, Fellowship and Evangelism, Christian Education, Church Officer Nominating, Outreach and Mission, Worship, Personnel, Property, and Planning.*

Session announces two changes in committee chairs. Elder Anne Beswick has become the new chair of the Property Committee. This is the committee that is responsible for every aspect of the building and grounds . . . and for all of the major maintenance projects on the Capital Campaign list. She replaces outgoing chair, Elder Alan Cuteri, who knows that being chair of this committee is just a little less than a full-time job!

Elder Linda Root has become the new chair of the Worship Committee overseeing our three worship services, the weekly preparation of the Lord's Supper, and our music ministry. Linda takes over from outgoing chair, Elder Patrick Abramowich who deserves your thanks and appreciation for his faithful oversight for the center of our church life.

### Wooden Ladder Sunday

April 10<sup>th</sup> was a "Little Easter" with the church packed with our pre-school children and their families. From Jesus-asleep-in-the-boat to a pre-school artists Art Auction, it was a beautiful morning. Many comments from Wooden Ladder families suggest that the congregation's hospitality skills are making a difference in our evangelism and outreach. Thanks to our wonderful Wooden Ladder Board of Directors for their service and for making our pre-school a Christ-centered outreach to the community.



### Thank you Notes-

Laurie and I wish to thank our church family for the prayers being offered on our behalf. We are most appreciative of your expressions of love and concern.  
Gene McBride

I would like to thank all who helped with the CTP dinners. As always, they are special times for fellowship. If you are asked to help next time, try it, I'm sure you'll enjoy it.  
Claire Wilwohl

**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



**Choir Reunion!**

Attention all singers, new, old, near and far! On Sunday, May 22, the Chancel Choir invites all former choir members to join us in singing two anthems for the 10:30 service. If you are interested, please call Vanessa Candreva to have music sent to you in advance.

Rehearsal will be Thursday, May 19 at 8:00 p.m., and again Sun. morning the 22nd at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service. We would like to have a "mammoth" choir on that day, so please pass the word along to any singers you know! And even if you are not in the choir, mark your calendars to witness the festivities!



**Chancel Choir Participating in Choir  
Festival  
Sunday May 22 at Memorial Park  
Presbyterian Church**

The Chancel Choir will be participating in an interesting and unusual choir festival on Sunday, May 22 at Memorial Park Presbyterian Church at 7:00 P.M. Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM), choirs from the area will be singing music of composer Mark Hayes. A well-known composer of sacred music, Mr. Hayes will conduct and also talk about his music.

This is the third festival of this kind that the chapter has sponsored, and the chapter has been encouraged by the enthusiastic response of the choirs and audience involved. In addition, Vanessa Candreva will also be playing with the instrumentalists. The program is part concert, part worship and is a great way to spend a May evening. It will leave you spiritually uplifted and humming for weeks. Memorial Park Church is at the corner of Duncan and Peebles, several blocks after crossing McKnight Road on the Green Belt.