



July/August 2014

Boehm's United Church of Christ

Beams from Boehm's

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN AWARD "THE VICTIMS SERVICE'S CENTER" WITH DONATION OF \$900.

Boehm's United Church of Christ in Blue Bell celebrated Pentecost and Youth Sunday with a very colorful, "spirited" worship service on June 8th. Dozens of red balloons were blowing in the wind as a kite flew from a string surrounding the congregation to signify "the tie that binds".

"Super stars" certificates and gifts were given the Sunday School children to commemorate Children's Day. Following loud cheers, awards were given to the teachers, assistants, acolytes and helpers in appreciation of their generous and spiritual learning programs. Pastor William Middleton presented Carol Palmer, our dedicated and committed Sunday School leader, with a certificate and bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. Palmer created exciting and stimulating classroom teaching themes throughout the year. With her helpers, Carol kept the children engaged and motivated to do good for those in need. This year's last quarter mission was designated to "The Victims Service's Center" in Norristown. Under the direction of Carol Palmer and her assistants, the children worked happily together on this mission program. They helped prepare a church Pancake Breakfast, and a rousing Children's Concert presented to the congregation along with other smaller projects. A concert by Marie Hagner's Vocal Studio" presented a great program which also contributed to the mission.

The more than \$900 raised was gifted to "The Victims Service's Center" of Norristown. Our VSC guest representative, Lauren Peterson, gave words of thanks and appreciation and a few details about the importance of VCS. Ms. Peterson was able to join the congregation for the service and enjoyed refreshments and new friends.



This fun rewarding Spring celebration was an awesome way to bring the Sunday School program to a close for the summer. See you in September!

The article above was written by Lorraine Nowlan to submit to the local papers. Many thanks to her for writing it! Sunday School will resume after Rally Day on September 14. Many thanks to those who contributed to the VSC—what a nice donation!





Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

— I Corinthians 13:4-8a

Dear Beloved Ones of Boehm's Church,

Last month, we took a family trip to Tennessee—an early summer vacation from the busyness of our day-to-day lives. There were four of us. In addition to Loice, Tori and me, my mother came along for the journey.

Despite some run-of-the-mill squabbles here and there, we had a wonderful time. The Smoky Mountains, with their verdant beauty and misty waters, always manage to inspire—even on those days when the heat-induced haziness is thick and recalcitrant. The wildlife was out in full splendor. We even leisurely watched a black bear foraging in the woods (until the very adamant ranger told us to get back into our car!).

To balance out the communing with nature, we also spent a few nights in Nashville. A highpoint of the trip was attending a couple of performances at the Grand Ol' Opry with its interpretations of a rich, and truly diverse, American musical genre. I must confess, it managed to deeply impress this little bit rock-n-roll/little bit Motown-loving Yankee to the point where I've downloaded a couple of amazing Chris Jansen songs from iTunes.

Another highpoint of the trip was meeting Joanne Cash Yates, the sister of Johnny Cash—the “Man in Black.” She was a guest speaker at the resort at which we were staying. In addition to some of her brother's beautiful songs (wonderful singing voices must be partly genetic), she shared with us several charming stories about the Carter-Cash family. One story, in particular, made me laugh more than the others.

Tommy Cash, Jr., the son of Tommy Cash, Sr. (brother to Johnny and Joanne), desperately wanted a fashionable pair of designer jeans when he was a teenager—fifteen, maybe sixteen, years old. This was back in the eighties when fashionable meant it came from the factory with holes and tears already put in, sometimes in less-than-modest places.

Tommy Jr. scrimped and saved for some time to get these designer-priced jeans since his parents weren't about to shell out good money for something so questionably extravagant. When he finally managed to procure them one blessed day, Joanne told us he wore them with great pride “like a peacock showing off its new feathers.” Most of the family looked at these new jeans with a cocked eyebrow, but said nothing disparaging about Tommy Jr.'s proudly displayed new acquisition (fashionable holes and all). As a matter of fact, they said nothing at all because if you can't say something nice then...well, you know the rest.

That very afternoon, Tommy Jr. wore his new jeans when he went to visit awhile with his grandparents, Ray and Carrie Cloverlee Cash. Grandma and Grandpa Cash didn't mention the new jeans either. After all, politeness is a family value.

Well, the afternoon visit turned into staying for supper. Supper turned into a night of guitar-playing, singing and story-telling. Before he knew it, Tommy Jr., at the insistence of his grandmother and with

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Interfaith and Mattie Dixon food cupboard have let us know their needs for this summer. Please help if you can. Bring donations to Boehm's Fellowship Hall lobby.

Interfaith: 2 microwaves and a high chair.

Food cupboard: spaghetti sauce, baked beans, canned fruit, can or bottle juice and any size beds in good condition.



Painting Update

The HY Pressure company has been painting the church building for about three weeks as this newsletter goes to print. They began with pressure washing the building and then started on the preparation. Lots of scraping of old paint is involved in this historic and venerable building! The Parish House and Fellowship Hall end of the building is now almost done. They started painting the sanctuary part of the building this week. The new coat of white paint looks amazing...come and see the sparkle!



Pastor Bill's Message *(continued from page 2)*

his parent's permission, was spending the night.

When young Tommy woke up the next morning, smelling the enticing odor of bacon and pancakes wafting from the kitchen, he jumped out of bed to put on his pants and join the others around the table. His jeans, however, weren't where he left them the night before. Instead of the floor (teenage boy, remember?), he found his beloved jeans with the rest of his clothes—freshly laundered, ironed, and neatly folded on the dresser. Grandma Cash had been busy at the crack of dawn...for Tommy Jr. discovered that not only had his designer jeans been cleaned, but Grandma broke out the Singer, too.

Every designer hole, every intentional tear, in those fashionable jeans had been lovingly patched and skillfully sewn. Tommy Jr. never said a word. Except for saying, "Thank's, Grandma."

Paul wrote: "Love is patient and kind...it is not irritable or resentful." Beautiful words, spoken often at weddings around this time of year, that remind us how to be family, how to be church, how to be witnesses of God's love (for us!) to each other.

Did Tommy Jr. demonstrate that love by holding his tongue? Yep. Did Grandma sew with love? I think so. But, even if she knew those holes were meant to be there, I give her a pass because that's what grandma's do. Are we always patient with each other (especially on family vacations!)? Heck no!

Do we keep trying? Indeed we do; because, when it comes from God, "love endures and never ends."

Peace,

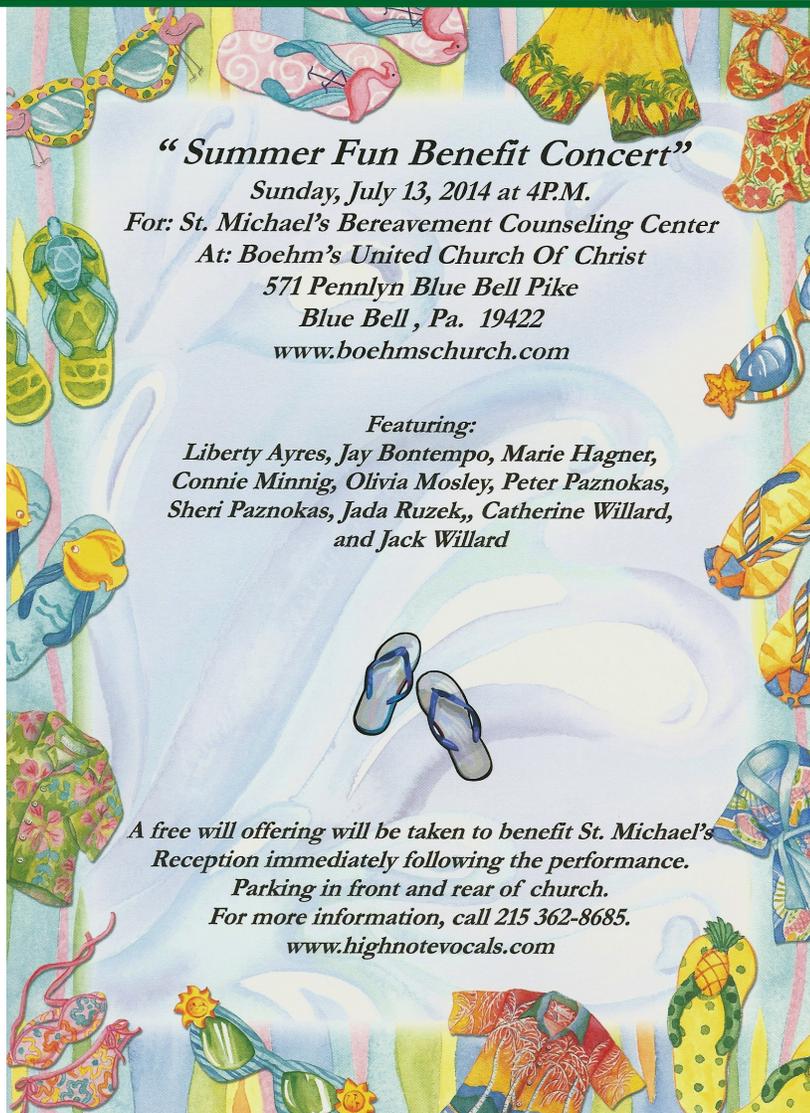
Pastor Bill



"ART IN THE GARDEN", a delightful afternoon program of local artistes was enjoyed by many June 21, 2014. The program was a benefit for the Victim Services Center, the service supported by our Sunday School this past quarter. On the beautiful grounds of one of its members, vendors displayed their art. A flower lover myself, I set my GPS for Green Lane and headed for "Young's Petroleum" parking lot donated for the use of Victim Services Center guests, artists and vendors. Shuttle buses transported guests to and from the Gardens just a few minutes away.

It was a perfect summer day to stroll from garden to garden, from one creative jewelry display to another and to stop at the food tent to fill plates of deliciously prepared foods. Guests shared seating arranged under umbrellas in close view of the colorful gardens. A musical performance was given by the Abington Bedside Harp Group throughout the afternoon. Seating was arranged on shaded lawn. Among various instruments playing were interesting lap sized harps.

Artists and Vendors included handmade crochet and embroidery pieces, water color paintings, African handmade jewelry using African Trade Beads with Greek Ceramic Beads finished in gold, silver and, pure copper, wine tasting from a new winery in Perkiomenville using an Italian handcrafted secret family recipe brought to the hills of Pennsylvania and several other events. This was a most enjoyable surprise summer afternoon program! Submitted by Lorraine Nowlan



"Summer Fun Benefit Concert"
 Sunday, July 13, 2014 at 4P.M.
 For: St. Michael's Bereavement Counseling Center
 At: Boehm's United Church Of Christ
 571 Pennlyn Blue Bell Pike
 Blue Bell, Pa. 19422
www.boehmschurch.com

Featuring:
 Liberty Ayres, Jay Bontempo, Marie Hagner,
 Connie Minnig, Olivia Mosley, Peter Paznokas,
 Sheri Paznokas, Jada Ruzek,, Catherine Willard,
 and Jack Willard

A free will offering will be taken to benefit St. Michael's
 Reception immediately following the performance.
 Parking in front and rear of church.
 For more information, call 215 362-8685.
www.highnotevocals.com



Join us for the annual

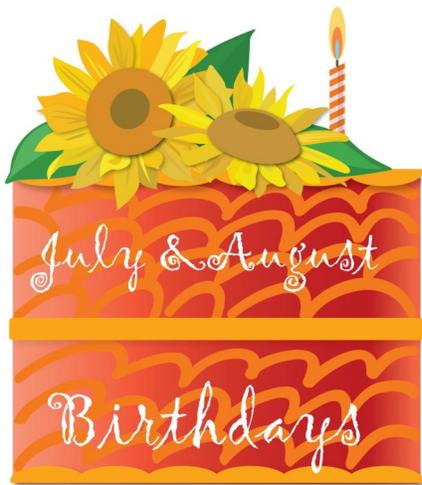
"Christmas in July"

worship service on Sunday,
 July 20th at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a special visit from
 St. Nicholas, the beloved
 4th century saint of the church!

Join us for Christmas cookies after
 the service!

If you can help with the "Christmas in
 July" fellowship hour by bringing
 something "Christmas-y", please sign
 up on the sheet in the lobby.



July

- 10 Al Slingluff
- 13 Abby Warner
- 29 Chloe Warner
- 28 Fran Slingluff

August

- 8 Glenn Palmer, Jr.
- 14 Dara Rowles
- 12 Tori Middleton



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please consider signing up to help host the Fellowship time after church services. There is a list of dates available for 2014 on the bulletin board in the lobby. Your time will be much appreciated!

Boehm's History Corner

by Bob Whittock

Church History

On July 27, 1834, the Sabbath school was organized, at which time Frederick Nuss was elected Superintendent. Rev. George Heilig, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Centre square, was present and delivered a suitable address on the occasion. Seventeen teachers, eleven male and six female, and one hundred and seventeen scholars attended the school during the season.

During the 1800's the school was regularly kept open during the summer season and on occasions for the entire year.

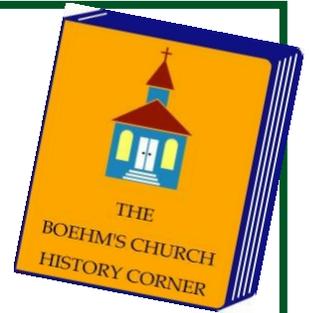
Frederick Nuss, (1/15/1790 – 2/18/1867) served on the church consistory and served as a Private, 18 SEC Rifleman, in the "War of 1812." He lived in Norristown, and is buried in Boehm's Cemetery.

Cemetery History

In 1834 Casper Schlater, Jr. (not related to Michael Schalter, Boehm's second pastor) purchased at auction, 9 acres from John and Charles Styer (for \$364.21), adjacent to the church property – to be used as a place of burial, and left in his will enough money to pay for this purchase.

Casper Schlater, Jr. was born on the family farm in Upper Dublin, and was a Weaver by profession. He was a life member of Boehm's Church, a Deacon, Trustee, and the ruling Elder of Boehm's Church for over 25 years. He was a man of considerable education, and was frequently called upon far and near to act as an arbitrator, administrator, guardian, and frequently served on various juries. He was a Montgomery County Commissioner, 1814- 1817, and County Treasurer in 1818. His descendants who now bear the names, Slingluff, Rowles and Law are still members of Boehm's Church.

Casper Schlater, Jr. died 7/14/1835, in his 76th year, and is buried in Boehm's Cemetery.





Happy sunshine cupcakes

Psalms 144:15 says, "Blessed (or happy) are the people whose God is the LORD." Make these bright cupcakes to remember all the ways God makes you happy.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!



In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

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| 1. "Happy are the POOR IN SPIRIT | hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." |
| 2. "Happy are those who _____" | pure in heart , for they will see God." |
| 3. "Happy are the _____" | peacemakers , for they will be called the children of God." |
| 4. "Happy are those who _____" | persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." |
| 5. "Happy are the _____" | poor in spirit , for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." |
| 6. "Happy are the _____" | merciful , for they will be shown mercy." |
| 7. "Happy are the _____" | meek , for they will inherit the earth." |
| 8. "Happy are those who are _____" | mourn , for they will be comforted." |



Love makes our friends a little dearer.
 Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.
 Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
 Hope makes our lives a little brighter.
 Peace brings us all a little nearer.

—Author unknown

July 2014

MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Sponsors	Acolyte
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2014	Catharine Coryell	Glenn Palmer Sr. & Glenn Palmer Jr.	Lorraine Nowlan & Pat Delp	Tori Middleton
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2014	Diana Rau	Al Slingluff & Hugh Williams		Shane Rowles
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2014	Fran Slingluff	Mike Rowles & Joe Rosiek	Christmas in July	Hailey Palmer
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2014	Lorraine Nowlan	Gary and Diana Rau		Angela McKinney

August 2014

MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Sponsors	Acolyte
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2014	Pat Delp	Lorraine Nowlan & Hugh Williams	Judy Keller	Tori Middleton
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 10, 2014	Judy Keller	Glenn Palmer Jr. & Glenn Palmer Sr.		Shane Rowles
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2014	Fran Slingluff	Mike Rowles & Al Slingluff		Hailey Palmer
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2014	Dara Rowles	Marie Hagner & Bob McKinney		Angela McKinney
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2014 (Labor Day)	Pat Delp	Lorraine Nowlan & Hugh Williams		Tori Middleton

Boehm's Calendar for July & August

Sunday, July 6

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 13

- Worship @ 10 a.m.
- Benefit concert @ 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 20

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. FH
- ◆ Christmas in July!

Sunday, July 27

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. FH

Sunday, August 3

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. FH
- ◆ Christian Ed meeting @ 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, August 10

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. FH

Sunday, August 17

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. FH

Sunday, August 24

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. FH

Tuesday, August 26

- ◆ History committee @ 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 31

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. FH



*Save the date... September 14 will be **Rally Day** to kick off Sunday School with a Chicken BBQ and special service.*

Other Meetings at Boehm's:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Society of Christian Scientists
Worship: Sundays, 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.



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There will be some changes to the church office hours in July. The week of July 14, the office will be open in the afternoon instead of the morning. (Carol Ruth will be teaching VBS in the mornings.) The week of July 21, the office will be closed for Carol Ruth's vacation time.

The rest of the time the office will be open regular hours of Tuesday through Thursday 9 to 1.