

April 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!

Pastor Bill's Message

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*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.*

-Psalm 22:1-2

Dear Easter People,

On this Lenten journey to Easter, we are once again reminded of the oft-capricious nature of humanity. On Palm Sunday we will remember the humble entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We will wave palms and parade into the sanctuary repeating the "Hosannas" of the crowd that greeted Jesus that glorious day. For Jesus, who seemed to understand human nature better than most, it must have been a bittersweet day—for he knew what would unfold in the week ahead. By Good Friday, the cries of the crowd would change to "crucify him!"

And yet Jesus, faced with overwhelming circumstances, loses his hope only once. At the Passover meal with his disciples on Thursday evening, his strength fills the upper room. At the Garden of Gethsemane his prayers are focused and profound. Though he asks God, if it is at all possible, to change what is about to happen, he confesses, "...yet not what I want but what you want." Jesus never seems to quiver before Caiaphas or Pilate, both who held Jesus' life in their hands. It is not until Jesus is on the cross that he hits the very depths of despair and in a voice of lament within him cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"



Palm Sunday Worship
Service & Easter Egg
Hunt.

Sunday, April 13th
10:00 a.m.



April 13th:
10:00 a.m.

**Palm Sunday Service
& Easter Egg Hunt**

April 17th:
6:00 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday Meal
&
Service of the Nails**

April 20th:
10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service



Maundy Thursday Meal
& Service of the Nails

Thursday, April 17th
6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The fullness of Christ's humanity is palpable. Lost, angry, and filled with despair, he cries out with the words of the Psalmist. I am sure that many of us have found ourselves at just such a point. It is in many ways the low point of Holy Week—and at the same time the high point. Christ came into the world to seek the lost, to seek those in need, and is willing to go to the very pain-filled depths of existence to find us. It speaks of a commitment to us, and the world, that can only be expressed in the story of Holy Week.

The psalmist concludes his lament with a declaration of faith and joy in God's goodness and care for all — "Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it." How-

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Our Sunday School Mission this Quarter

The Christian Education Team has decided to support Victim Services Center as our mission project this quarter.

Victim Services Center in Norristown is a non-profit organization that provides free services to victims of crime and their significant others. They provide advocacy, counseling, legal services, prevention education, trainings and seminars about children and adults of sexual abuse, elder abuse and more.

The children will be asked to donate arts and crafts supplies which will help VSC's counseling department support individuals in creative expression, which can help them explain, as well as soften, the wordless grip of traumatic experiences.

The congregation will be asked to support this mission through monetary donations from mini concerts from our Sunday School children! A few Sunday's this quarter, one of our students will perform/play a song and a collection will be taken. The monies collected will be used to buy books and games that will be used by VSC with their young clients.

Thank you in advance for your support in this very worthwhile mission!

Check out their website for more information:

www.victimservicescenter.org



Boehm's Benefit Concerts

Almost every month Marie Hagner generously arranges a community concert with the students from her vocal studio. The donations from the concert support a different cause each time.

Due to some technical difficulties, the March 23rd concert was rescheduled to April 6th.

The beneficiary of this month will be the:

Victim Services Center
in Norristown

Check out the story in the next panel for more details about this most worthy cause.

Please come enjoy an afternoon of music on April 6th at 4 pm and bring a friend! Refreshments are provided.



Blooming Cross!

Remember to bring some fresh flowers to Boehm's on Easter Sunday. Our traditional *empty* "Blooming Cross" will be available in the front of the sanctuary for you to FILL with your flowers.

After the worship service, the "Blooming Cross" will be placed on the front lawn of the church .



Calling all hands on deck!

It is time to clean up the church building and yard after this relentless winter in preparation for Easter.

Please join the property committee on **Saturday, April 5th at 9 am** to help.

Remember—many hands make light work!

BOEHM'S UCC

6th ANNUAL

**"PLANT/FLOWER SALE PICK-UP
CAR WASH/BAKE SALE/LUNCH"
EVENT!**

MAY 17, 2014 @ 9AM - 12PM

Our Christian Education Committee will be sponsoring another Plant/ Flower Sale in the month of April. Last year's sale was very successful and all who bought plants/flowers were very happy with their purchases.

Order forms for flowers are available at the church on the table in the vestibule. You can also download it from the weekly reminders announcement.

Ask your family, friends and neighbors to help support our ministry by purchasing our plants and/or flowers.

Please send or bring your completed order form to the church to the attention of Carol Palmer

by April 27th.

Pay when you place or pick up your order. **MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO BOEHMS UCC.**

So come pick up your flower order, have your car washed, have a hot dog and take home a sweet treat!

Any questions can be directed to Carol Palmer at:

carolnglenn@comcast.net.

Invite a friend!!!!!!

Boehm's History Corner

by Bob Whittock

Church History

When Boehm's Church was built in 1818, it was lit by chandeliers which held candles, and later small kerosene lights. To light them, the chandeliers were lowered to the floor level, by a rope. These chandeliers were very heavy, and a counterbalance was needed, to lighten the load, when the chandelier was lowered. A steel box, containing rocks, acted as the counterbalance.

The steel box that was used as the counterbalance was saved and is now in the Museum Room and the wooden pulleys are still in place above the Sanctuary ceiling.

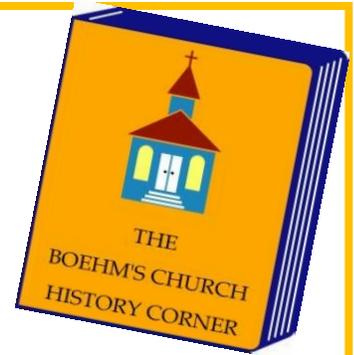
All this changed in 1913, when Boehm's Church was wired for electric lights. On Sunday, March 9, 1913, 101 years ago, the electric lights were used for the first time, in Boehm's Church.

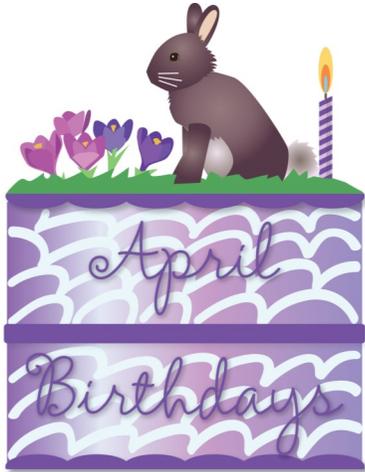
Cemetery History

Over the last 10 years, over 50 people have contacted the church office, inquiring about family members that are, or might be, buried in Boehm's Cemetery. There are other numerous inquiries about baptisms, confirmations, weddings, church consistory officers, etc., at Boehm's Church.

People have visited Boehm's Church and Cemetery from as far away as Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Illinois, and Maryland. Other people have traveled here from well over 100 miles. Some of these people have visited the cemetery, more than once. Inquiries have come from as far away as Texas and California. A woman from Texas even sent artificial flowers to be put on her relative's grave, a Henry Shade, who had died in 1803.

When they visit, or inquire, they want to know the location of their relative's graves, and if the church has any information about that person. They in turn give information about that person that is added to the church records.





Boehm's Consistory board met on March 19th and elected new officers. Please thank them for their service.

- President—Hubert Williams
- Vice President—Carol Palmer
- Treasurer—Leslie Rowles
- Financial Secretary—Diana Rau
- Secretary—Joan Weidner



Church
Consistory News

Al Slingluff is "retiring" from the board after many years of service—we can't thank him enough for his wise leadership and many, many hours of time!

April

- 1 Gary Rowles, Jr.
- 3 Shaun Palmer
- 6 Emilie Resnick
- 19 Harry Reiff
- 20 Catharine Coryell

Yay! Mike Rowles and Catharine Coryell!!!

Thank you, Mike, for installing the new sinks and faucets in the men's and ladies' bathrooms by the nursery. We appreciate you sharing your time and talents for Boehm's!

Thank you, Catharine, for funding this project.



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ever the world for the Jesus' disciples grinds to halt following the crucifixion—not knowing if God's love can overcome human hate and anger, not knowing if Jesus can be raised out of the depths of despair and death into which he has plunged.

It is not until Sunday morning that the road Jesus started, by quoting the beginning of the 22nd psalm, winds itself through the valley of the shadow of death to the good news that "He Is Risen!" That even our worst actions cannot turn God away from seeking us! That life has victory over death! Come and enjoy the miracle of Holy Week and Easter Sunday by, once again, living and celebrating these events with us.

Peace,

Pastor Bill



Easter Sunday
Worship Service
Sunday, April 20th
10:00 a.m.



EASTER FLOWER
ORDERS

Due April 6th!

Order Forms can be found on the table in the vestibule (a.k.a. church lobby).

Help decorate the church for Easter!

April 2014

MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Sponsors	Acolyte	Sunday School Teachers
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2014	Lorraine Nowlan	Mike Rowles & Glenn Palmer, Sr.	Pat Delp	Tori Middleton	Rebe Jones & Joanie Weidner
Sixth Sunday in Lent Liturgy of the Palms April 13, 2014	Fran Slingluff	Gary & Diana Rau	Easter egg hunt	Shane Rowles	Carol Palmer & Leslie Rowles
Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 2014 Easter Day	Judy Keller	Joe Rosiek & Glenn Palmer Sr.		Hailey Palmer	Ruth Gardner & Diana Rau
Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2014	Al Slingluff	Lorraine Nowlan & Hugh Williams		Angela McKinney	Carol Palmer & Leslie Rowles

Boehm's Calendar for APRIL

Saturday, April 5

- ◆ Spring clean up day @ 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 6

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.
- ◆ Christian Ed meeting @ 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Benefit Concert @ 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 7

- ◆ Knitting Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. **Palm Sunday**
- ◆ Congregational meeting @ 10 a.m.
- ◆ Children's mini concert @ 11 a.m.
- ◆ Easter Egg hunt @ 11:15 a.m.

Monday, April 14

- ◆ Knitting Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday)

- ◆ Simple supper @ 6 p.m.
- ◆ Service of the Nails @ 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m. **Easter**

Monday, April 21

- ◆ Knitting Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

- ◆ History group meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 23

- ◆ Consistory meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.
- ◆ Massai event @ 1 p.m.

Monday, April 28

- ◆ Knitting Group @ 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings

at Boehm's:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Abundant Life Baptist Church
Worship: Sundays, 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 pm
Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

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

Glenn Palmer says **many thanks** for the kind words, card, and gifts in honor of his retirement from the custodian position! He is very grateful to the Boehm's family.

We have found a new custodian for Boehm's—his name is Dave White. He expects to work on Thursdays. We are so glad to have him join our staff—he brings lots of experience to the job! Please make him welcome!



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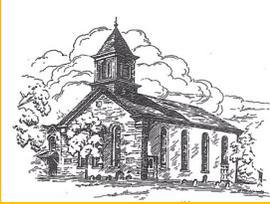
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BOEHM'S ANNUAL PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST & "LAUGHTER SUNDAY",

held on March 23rd, were enjoyed by all who attended. Chef Gary Williams was assisted by many Jr. Chefs in making his deliciously light pancakes. The pancakes, which came in several varieties... plain, blueberry and chocolate chip...were served along with bacon, sausage, and LOTS of fresh fruit. Christian Education Committee is happy to say that the "free will offering" amounted to \$220.00, which will be donated to the Victim's Services Center in Norristown. After the breakfast, Pastor Bill conducted a worship service filled with lots of laughter....jokes and stories from children and adults..... Pastor Bill's a bit of a jokester, as well. It was a wonderful time of prayer, fun and fellowship!





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Boehm's United Church of Christ *Boehm's Minutes*

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Annual congregational minutes 2014

The annual meeting of Boehm's United Church of Christ was held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the end of the church service.

In attendance: Consistory members and the congregation members present for services.

Meeting opened with a prayer.

A motion was made by Fran Slingsluff to dispense with the reading of the minutes. 2nd by Bob Calvert. Motion carried

Al indicated that there were 3 things to go over at this annual meeting:

- Year in review – annual report
- Seeking approval of encumbering part of the CAP investment fund to secure the line of credit
- Consistory members – vacancies/replacements for upcoming year

Al gave a report for the year in review. Noted that there have been many people who have helped the church over the past year in the form of donations, our Pastor's generosity, & general repairs work donated by different church members. Commented on Leslie's work in compiling what we have completed during the past four years and how that has considerably increased our investments.

Annual report: congregation had a copy of the annual report and it was reviewed and opened up for any questions from the congregation

Line of credit. Al noted that a line of credit has been secured with a 5 year commitment in the amount of \$50,000. 3 ¼ % prime thru Wells Fargo Bank. Cap account to be used as collateral. Noted that at their monthly Consistory meeting, Consistory reviewed the letter of commitment and found it agreeable to present to the congregation for their approval, to use the cap account, as collateral, which is required by the bank for final approval of the line of credit. After review of this information a motion to dedicate the cap account as backup for the line of credit was made by Leslie Rowles, 2nd by Hugh Williams, and the motion carried. Al commented that we have an approval from another banking institution for a line of credit If we so desire, open for 2 years to us, if needed

Consistory members: There are four vacancies this year. Outgoing members are Al Slingsluff, Pat Delp, Joanie Weidner, and Anita Law. Al Slingsluff has decided to take a break and not re-up his stand. Anita Law has resigned from all of her



Annual meeting continued

positions at the church. Fran Slingluff has accepted the challenge of Consistory member once again, taking Al Slingluff's place. Pat Delp and Joanie Weidner have agreed to stand for another four years. Florie McKinney has agreed to replace Anita Law, her term expiring in 2015. With no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made to accept the nominees as presented by Catherine Coryell. 2nd by Loice Middleton. Motion carried.

Bob Calvert noted that he wrote a letter to Mr. Tyson regarding his generous contribution for the repairing of the stained glass windows, explaining to him the delay in the repairs due to some other work that has to be done (painting, roofing) that needs to be done in better weather conditions, thus delaying the repairs to the windows in order not to have any damages done to them. In writing his letter Bob received input from some others to be sure everything was duly noted. He also noted that several people have commented to him that they are impressed with how "on the ball" our Church is with our finances.

With everything covered, the Annual meeting was ended with all reciting "The Lord's Prayer. Motion to adjourn was made by Fran Slingluff. 2nd by Loice Middleton. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Joanie Weidner, Consistory Secretary
Boehm's United Church of Christ

Consistory March meeting

BOEHM'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONSISTORY MEETING 3/19/14

The March Consistory meeting of Boehm's United Church of Christ was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 7:00 PM, in the Sunday School room. In attendance were the following: Pastor Bill, Carol Palmer, Leslie Rowles, Gary Rau, Diana Rau, Al Slingluff, Lorraine Nowlan, Florrie McKinney, Fran Slingluff, Pat Delp, Hubert Williams

Welcome from Al Slingluff

Nomination for Secretary Pro Tem

Diana Rau, Secretary Pro Tem – motion made by Leslie Rowles, 2nd by Fran Slingluff – motion carried

Worship moment – Pastor Bill

Nominations for Office

Hubert Williams, President – motion made by Fran Slingluff, 2nd by Leslie Rowles – motion carried
Carol Palmer, Vice President – motion made by Gary Rau, 2nd by Leslie Rowles – motion carried
Joan Weidner, Secretary – motion made by Fran Slingluff, 2nd by Hubert Williams – motion carried
Leslie Rowles, Treasurer – motion made by Fran Slingluff, 2nd by Carol Palmer – motion carried
Diana Rau, Financial Secretary – motion made by Leslie Rowles, 2nd by Carol Palmer – motion carried

Minutes

From February – reviewed, and a motion to accept made by Leslie Rowles, 2nd by Carol Palmer – motion carried

Pastor's comments

Nice Ash Wednesday service, continuing toward Easter with a Maundy Thursday night supper. Tuesdays with Esther postponed until next week.

Visitation

Inclement weather has continued to hamper visitations. Pastor Bill spoke with Emily Resnick. Gary suggested inviting our new Sexton, Dave White, to the upcoming Pancake Breakfast, as a congregational "welcome", and Pastor Bill will

Consistory March meeting continued

extend the invitation.

Treasurer’s Report – reviewed – motion to accept made by Gary Rau, 2nd by Carol Palmer – motion carried

Stewardship and Finance Report

General Fund - \$2,674.65
 Payroll Account - \$3,633.77
 Wells Fargo - \$100,320.00 in Fixed Income Securities, \$255,046.00 in Mutual Funds, \$22,538.00 Cash/Money Market (\$4,500; Youth, \$11,000; Stained Glass, \$970 Capital Fund)
 Noted that offerings for the first quarter are low, and expenses are higher than usual; attendance has been low, and snow removal costs high, due to bad weather.
 Pat Delp nominated Boehm’s UCC as potential beneficiary of charitable donation by Thriving Lutherans. Al and Fran suggested using History Group account as Beneficiary.

Christian Education

Meeting dates changed from 6PM prior to Consistory meetings, to first Sunday each month after church; no meeting in March.

Cemetery

Fran reports the raising of fees for interment. The \$4,000 earned in lots sold, recently, moved to investment account.

Community Outreach Group

Met on Sunday, March 16th, to reorganize after office of Chairperson vacated by Anita. Co-Chairs, Judy Keller and Diana Rau, named. Diana subsequently withdrew from the office on March 19th.
 The investment instrument matured, and in the absence of a Chairperson, Leslie Rowles arranged to have the funds withdrawn, and sent via check to Boehm’s, with the intent to invest with Wells Fargo. Pastor Bill plans to move forward to host the Maasai cultural exchange on April 27th.

Property

Boehm’s will begin a recycling program –

containers will be provided for plastic and glass. New bathroom sinks were installed by Mike Rowles, and contributed by Catherine Coryell. Radiators next to sinks in bathrooms are being prepped and painted by Gary Rau. PECO to do perform lighting audit
 More electrical work to be performed
 Clean-up Day proposed for April 5th, with a rain date of April 12th
 Presentation made by two lowest bidders, for exterior painting, made on March 19th; in attendance were Gary and Diana Rau, Al and Fran Slingluff, Glenn Palmer, Florrie McKinney, and Pastor Bill. Consistory considers bid from Hy-Pressure to be most favorable. Motion made by Gary to call Congregational Meeting, and 2nd by Fran, to request expenditure for painting, from Line Of Credit funds. Carol Ruth will publish meeting date/details. Gary and Hugh will choose the date. Leslie motioned that Gary and Al be signers on the Line of Credit; Lorraine seconded, motion carried

History

Committee has a calendar of proposed events for 2015; history fair in the Fall, and the Anniversary on May 3rd.

Audit

Lorraine reports that all audits have been approved, and are filed in the church office.

WHEE

Needs to reorganize at a meeting at a future date; Pastor Bill continues as Chair Pro Tem

New Business

Norristown Garden Group considering renting space at Boehm’s for Flower Show; parking seems insufficient

Consistory meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd.

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM with “The Lord’s Prayer”.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Diana Rau, Consistory Secretary Pro Tem

History Meeting Minutes

History Minutes for March 25, 2014

The Boehm's History group met on March 25, 2014 at 11:00. Those in attendance were: Lorraine Nolan, Bob Whittock, Bob Reese, Judy Keller, Hugh Williams, Rebe Jones, Pastor Bill Middleton, and Al and Fran Slingluff.

The group approved the minutes from the February meeting and the agenda statement that there is \$353.97 in the checking account. Everyone noted that the tentative schedule of event for 2015's anniversary had appeared in the Beams without any negative comment, so planning will proceed on that basis. Bob Whittock did, however, suggest that we should have at least one event in the evening so that other churches could attend. Judy suggested adapting our Christmas in July event, and Pastor Bill offered to discuss the matter with Christian Education.

The banquet is tentatively scheduled for May 3, 2015 at Prophecy Park after the church service. They are saving the date for us, but we now need a trip there to investigate further. Hugh agreed to make the appointment. We hope to meet with them before our meeting. We can still make a change if necessary.

Bob Whittock and Rebe Jones agreed to review the master list of friends of the church to make sure that we are leaving no one out of our plans. They got printouts to study for the next meeting.

We discussed the writing of the anniversary book, and Bob Whittock suggested that we use advertisements in the book to help pay for the cost of printing it. Hugh moved and Judy seconded that we ask Bob Whittock to write the book and that we use advertisements. All voted yes.

At Bob Whittock's suggestion, the group discussed having a table at the Montgomery County History Fair on September 13, 2014 at the Knapp Farmstead in Montgomery Township. All decided that this was a good idea and that we would have a final plan for church events to display at that time. Fran will make contact.

Bob suggested that for our planned wedding Sunday we go through the church records and try to find all of those who were married at the church over the last 60 years. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

The pastor announced that the church web site is being revamped and will run out of the church office from now on.

At 12:15 Judy moved and Lorraine seconded that the meeting be ended. All voted yes.

The next meeting is April 22. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Slingluff

COG Meeting Minutes

COG Minutes for March 16, 2014

The COG committee met on March 16, 2014 at 11:15 a.m. Those in attendance were: Judy Keller, Marie Hagner, Pastor Bill, Leslie Rowles, Pat Delp, Diana Rau, Dara Rowles, & Catharine Coryell

Pastor Bill led the meeting as consented Chair Pro Tem. It was noted the Anita Law had resigned her position as chair. Proposed agenda was presented and approved by consent.

Judy Keller moved that the review of the minutes and financial report from February meeting be postponed until next meeting. Marie seconded. Motion passed.

Three topics were on the agenda:

- 1) Appointment of a new COG chair. Following discussion, Leslie moved that Judy Keller and Diana Rau be assigned as co-chairs. Pat seconded. Motion passed. Pastor Bill turned meeting over to Judy.
- 2) Realignment of COG finances. After reviewing the current financial holding of COG, it was noted that the \$50,000 certificate of deposit with Hatboro Federal Savings matured on March 18, 2014. By direction of The consistory and church officers, the CD was redeemed to enable the COG to determine the optimal investment (low rate of return if allowed to automatically reinvest). Discussion held regarding best path for optimizing investments. Diana Rau moved to place funds in existing Business Market Rate savings account while exploring investment options with Wells Fargo. Catharine seconded. Motion passed. The need to review where monies are being held between "financial pots" was noted.
- 3) Update on Maasai Event. Pastor Bill informed the committee that promotional efforts for the Maasai event on April 27 are progressing. Judy, Marie and Pastor Bill will coordinate with Maasai Cultural Exchange Project (MCEP) regarding other logistical details.

At 11:45 a.m. Leslie moved to adjourn. Marie seconded. Motion passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Bill