



THE RIPPLE EFFECT:
A Haiti Water Project Update

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or one follow-up phone call can make a difference.*

Members and Friends of Bower Hill,

One aspect of the Haiti Water Project that has been enjoyable to witness over the past two years has been the way in which the good news of this ministry has spread to places we could never have imagined. What started with an idea from our Wednesday morning women's Koinonia Group has grown into a project that has included support from California to Florida to Virginia. Like a single raindrop hitting a still pond, the ripples of water from that single point are now expanding and touching more and more people. Truly God's hand is at work in all of this.

Most of you may not be aware that our project has received roughly half of its total funding to date from individuals and groups outside of the church. We have been blessed to receive grants from the Pittsburgh Presbytery and Solar Under the Sun (a ministry of the Synod of the Sun representing all Presbyteries in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas). Through connections at Presbytery, General Assembly and Solar Under the Sun, we have received Vacation Bible School collections from Carnegie Presbyterian Church, as well as churches in Virginia and Florida, and through the assistance of Dave and Susan Hicks and Lucille Heckman, we have received funding from two area Rotary Clubs. As we look to find ways to complete more installations in Haiti, many of these groups will continue to provide support and valuable contacts.

Another exciting development has been the partnerships we have established on our two installation trips. At Chaveneau, we worked alongside a group from Lancaster, PA called Hearts United with Haiti led by Crystal Funk. Crystal was instrumental in helping with the logistics of setting up our work in Chaveneau, and Hearts United contributed money to drill the well as the source of our water and provided a driver and translator during our installation last November.

In April, we partnered with Akeisha Johnson and The Oshun Project for our work in Camp Perin. While BHCC provided the materials and manpower for the install, the Oshun Project constructed the building in which the water system was placed.

These efforts have saved us \$10,000 and allowed our funding to be stretched further, not to mention the invaluable assistance they have provided in coordinating the arrangements that have led to our successful trips. We have also made new and lasting friends.

Lastly, we have received tremendous support from our families and friends outside of the congregation. Whether it is from attending fundraising events, buying note cards and scarves, or just providing financial support, we continue to touch many people with our mission in Haiti. The latest example of this, and one that holds tremendous promise, started when a friend of a friend of one of the travel team members attended the luncheon/fashion show this past March. At the luncheon, Sharon Matthews, who lives in Greensburg, was so excited by what she heard and saw that she knew she wanted to do more to help. Sharon's daughter will be a senior this coming year at Greensburg Central Catholic High School, and she approached the principal about taking the Haiti Water Project on as their senior class project. The principal was won over and agreed and they are planning monthly fundraisers from now through next May. They are also working with local business partners to match their efforts with a goal of raising \$15,000. Amazing! If successful, this is a model we could take to many local schools.

You never know how one invitation, one discussion with a group of friends or one follow-up phone call can make a difference.

The Haiti travel team is deeply appreciative of how we have all come together to bring clean water to those in Haiti. Together, let's see how we can keep making waves!

Thank You,

The Haiti Water Project Team

COMMUNITY NOTES

Want to be included on this page? Submissions are due the 15th of every month for the next month's publication. 412-561-4114 or office@bhccml.com

FOOD DRIVE: SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH



Wallace Food Pantry collects food items that they will need to provide supplies to all their client families. The primary need is for "hearty" complete meals and sides, such as chunky soups, tuna and "helper" mixes and boxed staples like potatoes. Basics like dry cereal, canned tuna, and soups are appreciated.

WEDNESDAY WEEDERS

Our church is growing and so are the weeds surrounding it. Starting May 15th and continuing every Wednesday throughout the summer, join the Wednesday Weeders. We'll meet outside the Fellowship Hall doors at 7:00 p.m. to work for just an hour or so. Please bring your own gloves and digging iron / garden tools. Good company and lively conversation will be provided. Any questions ask Mary Good or Dave Hicks.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE HOMELESS

For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas Spak, a member of Bower Hill's Boy Scout Troop 28, is collecting first aid and hygiene for the homeless in Ukraine. During the month of July, collection boxes will be located in the narthex and in the hallway outside fellowship hall. The following items are needed: aloe vera gel, anti-diarrheal medication, alcohol wipes, hand sanitizer, bar soap, calamine lotion, elastic bandages, exam gloves, instant cold packs, medical adhesive tape, hydrocortisone cream, adhesive bandages (all sizes), sterile gauze, thermometers in centigrade, toothbrushes, toothpaste, triple-antibiotic ointment, triangular bandages, tweezers, and scissors. Feel free to raid your medicine cabinet for unused items, but please only donate unopened and unexpired items.

BOOKWORMS

Bookworms is our ladies' book discussion group. It meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room at BHCC, for fellowship and discussion of a chosen title. Everyone is welcome to read the book for the month and join the discussion.

July 16

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

August 20

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

September 17

Incontinent on the Continent by Jane Christmas

CHURCH PICNIC

Come one, come all. The annual church picnic will be held Saturday, August 24th, from 4:00 -6:00 p.m.

There will be games for young and old. There will be really great conversation with really great people.



Food will be provided. Just bring your lawn chair and yourself for a good old-fashioned time together. If you have games (bocce ball, horseshoes, badminton) or pop-up shelters you would be willing to loan, please let Michelle Snyder know.

PARISH LIFE PIRATES GAME

Pirates vs. Mets

Sunday, July 14, at 1:35 p.m.

Adult tickets are \$11 and Youth tickets are \$7.



Youth can run bases post-game!

Payment is not required at this time.

Please contact Mary Beth Waine to RSVP.

HOOKS AND NEEDLES: BHCC FIBER ARTS CLUB

Our needlework group has now managed to knit/crochet enough rectangles to provide four blankets for the "Warm Up America" project sponsored by Michael's Craft Stores. We



normally meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the church Lounge. However, since our usual date would fall on the 4th of July weekend, we will meet on **Saturday, June 29th** instead of July 6th. Then our next date after that will be Saturday, July 20th. Please join us for fun, fellowship and sharing of talents. And bring your favorite project to work on. We have all learned a few new stitches and tips.



Bower Hill Community Church sends both Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops For Education bar codes to the Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmobi, AZ (www.hopimissionschool.org).

Place labels and box tops in the collection envelope on the bulletin board outside of the church office. The church secretary will mail them quarterly.



Pirates Game

Sunday, July 14, at 1:35 p.m.

Church Picnic

Saturday, August 24, at 4:00 p.m.

Don't Panic, Dinner's in the Freezer

Saturday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m.

Kick-off Breakfast

Sunday, September 8

Fall Fest Potluck

Sunday, October 6

Snyder's Open House

Saturday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m.

BHCC Women's Retreat

September 20-22

THE BIRTHDAY BLESSING



July 01: Mary Laufer, D.J Geis

July 04: Glenn Child, Jennifer Gardner

July 05: Bill Ramsey, Kristen Mackey

July 13: Carolyn Westerhoff, Debbie Seifert

July 14: Glenna Creaves Karkaria

July 15: John Theilacker

July 18: Ray Henney

July 19: Amanda Vosburgh

July 20: Linda Johnson, Mathew Linnaburg

July 23: Todd Williams

July 24: Phyllis Yohe, Dave May, Joe Swed

July 27: William Madden

July 29: Mathew Dunfee, Dawn Kane,
Ruth Robbins, Jenny Harness,
Nicholas Kane, Elaine Mackey

July 30: Jim Burke

July 31: Betty Mitchell, Bob Bridges

August 04: JoAnn Goode, Mary Beth Waine

August 10: Susan Mangold, Carl Kelly

August 11: Samuel Colley

August 14: Nancy Green, Craig Grella,
Sage Williams

August 16: Cathy Colley, Monette Shuttleworth

August 18: Stephanie Kerner, Emma Hicks

August 20: Sarah Steinmark

August 21: Bill Cadwell

August 23: Bob Ferrero, Joan Bridges

August 28: Michela Robbins

August 31: Jean Miewald, Catherine Morgan,
Adam Gissin

Please take a moment to read through the names, pray for them, and offer them your best wishes!

If your name is not listed, it is because the church office does not have your information.



NEW HEIDELBERG CATECHISM TRANSLATION

A new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism has been approved by a two-thirds majority of presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

To date, 122 presbyteries have voted in favor of the new translation, surpassing the required total of 116 presbyteries needed for passage. 11 presbyteries have thus far voted against the amendment, with 40 presbyteries yet to vote.

While amendments to the Book of Order need approval by 87 of the 173 presbyteries of the PC(USA) to become part of the church's Constitution, confessional documents require a two-thirds majority vote, or 116 presbyteries, as well as approval by the next General Assembly.

If approved by the 221st General Assembly (2014) in Detroit, Michigan, June 14-21, the new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism will replace the current version in the denomination's Book of Confessions, thereby becoming part of the church's Constitution.

The General Assembly Special Committee on Correcting Translation Problems of the Heidelberg Catechism grew out of actions of the 218th General Assembly (2008) to approve proposed changes that revolve around correcting "translation problems in five responses of the Heidelberg Catechism as found in The Book of Confessions and to add the original Scripture texts of the German Heidelberg Catechism."

"As chair of the special committee that brought the recommendation to the Assembly, I can say that both the new translation and the appended scriptural references will greatly benefit the PC(USA) and the church ecumenical," said Neal Presa, Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012).

GREETERS AND USHERS

Worship & Music Committee will soon be compiling the list of greeters for the 2013-14 church year. Every member is expected to participate as a greeter/usher once during the year. A schedule will be published in the September newsletter. Please watch for this list so you can mark your calendar and be ready to help make Bower Hill Community Church the most inviting church in town. If you have a preference for a date to take your turn, let the church office know or e-mail Margaret Zabo at mzabo@yahoo.com. Thanks to every-

one who has served as a greeter in the past year. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: JULY

COMMUNION SERVERS

Rick & Pat Jacobs, Anne & Gordon Mitchell

GREETERS

July 7: Bill Cadwell, Pete Fenton & Norm Grubb

July 14: Grafton & Trisha Eliason, Karl Casey

July 21: Glenn Child, Theresa Child, LuAnn McNickle

July 28: Jean Miewald, Lee Ferraro, Josie Sheldon

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

July 7: Michelle Snyder

July 14: The Johnsons

July 21: The Sabas

July 28: Josie Sheldon & Joan Bridges

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: AUGUST

COMMUNION SERVERS

Margaret Zabo, Lynne Wohleber,
Mary Good, Marian Brannan

GREETERS

August 4: Lynne Wohleber, Joan Zakor, Margaret Zabo

August 11: Anne & Gordon Mitchell, Leonard Heisey

August 18: Jennifer & Bob Foster, Susan Mangold

August 25: Rev. John & Phyllis Yohe, Sally Child

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

August 4: Joan Zakor

August 11: The Salvantes

August 18: The Risings

August 25: The Boisverts

Problems? Please call the office or call:

Greeters, Communion Servers: Margaret Zabo

Acolytes: Jessica Baier

Lectors: Joan Zakor

Coffee Hour: Michelle Snyder



A Big Vacation Bible School WOW!

What a Backyard Blast we had at VBS! There were 46 children and 40+ BHCC members and volunteers who learned how to Serve Jesus, as well as how to Serve their families, neighbors, friends, and community.

In addition to all of the fun activities, games, crafts and Bible stories, the children were introduced to representatives of several organizations who explained how they too serve so many. On the first day of VBS, each group was given a peanut butter jar and was asked to bring in their "Pennies for Peanut Butter." As of this writing, the jars were already full or filling up quickly. All of the pennies, nickels and dimes will be sent to the Pittsburgh Food Bank to buy...Peanut Butter! The children made blankets and pillowcases that will be distributed to the homeless children served by Family Promise.

Betsy Hohlfelder joined us to represent SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Ministries) and worked with the children to decorate bags that they then took home and returned with food items for SHIM's food pantry. Thanks to Pat & Rick Jacobs, two facilitators from The Outdoor Classroom had the children compare their wing span to that of a Blue Heron, their jump to that of a bullfrog and their leap to that of a deer, discovering just how great all of God's creatures really are.

On the last day of VBS, the children spent some time on a walk around our building, learning about how all of us serve our church by beautifying God's backyard. And to culminate our week of serving at VBS, the children went outside to blow bubbles, with each bubble being a symbol of the many ways they can continue having fun serving their families, friends, neighbors, community and, most of all, Jesus.

As you can well imagine, it was a very exciting and fulfilling week for all who were involved. But it couldn't have happened without all of these wonderful people listed below. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all of you amazing volunteers and members for your donations, your time and your talents.

You continue to demonstrate your love of our God, our Church and our Children!

Jessica Baier
Marian Brannan
Joan Bridges
Kirsten Bruder
Juliet Cameron
Dottie Carter
Glenn Child
Joey Darges
Josh Darges
Sheri Geis
Cynthia Gissin
Nancy Green
Amy Grella
Norma Grubb
Alyssa Hess
Dave Hicks

Susan Hicks
Betsy Hohlfelder
Pat Jacobs
Rick Jacobs
Linda Johnson
Dawn Kane
Nick Kane
Tyler Kane
Morgan Kohler
Jean Miewald
Anne Mitchell
Gordon Mitchell
Hayden Mitchell
Kiri Rising
Ruth Robbins
Shelly Saba

Nancy Salvante
Megan Sateja
Logan Schardt
Brian Snyder
Maura Teti
Michael Teti
Abby Waine
Carolyn Westerhoff
Donna Williams
Phyllis Yohe
Joan Zakor

Whenever there is a need in our community, BHCC is there to help.



Today, there is an ever-growing urgency for our assistance in the South Hills community.

BHCC is giving back to the community this month by conducting a Back to School Drive benefitting South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM). Whether it is a cute backpack for an elementary school student, a stylish notebook for a middle school student or a practical calculator for a high school student, SHIM has children who are in need of this and more. We will be collecting school supply donations, such as backpacks, notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, etc. Help SHIM send its children back to school this fall prepared and confident!

Please drop off your new school supplies in the marked bins outside of the office and in the Narthex

by July 21.

Thank you very much for your support!

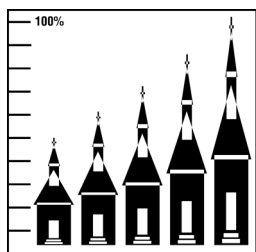
Most-Needed Supplies

1 = Backpacks

(Colorful 'fun' ones are most popular!)

We also need...

- Pocket Folders
- Pencils/Pens/Erasers
- Markers (Thick and Thin)
- Glue/Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Filler Paper
- Pencil Boxes or Cases
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Binders
- Colored Pencils
- Highlighters



FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Greetings!

My name is Jason Rising and I am the chair of the newly formed Capital Campaign Committee. It is an honor for me to be called and I am excited for the chance to assist in growing our church. The committee represents a cross-section of the membership at Bower Hill. I am pleased to announce that Lynn Foltz, Dave Green, Craig Grella, Dave and Susan Hicks, Darendia Lease, Josie Sheldon and our pastor, Brian Snyder, have volunteered to work with me on this important project.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Recently, you may have seen the early signs of construction at the church. Repairs to the steeple are underway. While this project has created a financial need, it has also created a unique opportunity for the ministry of Bower Hill Community Church. This capital campaign will go beyond raising funds for the steeple repair. We will look at mission work and programs, in addition to the future maintenance of the physical plant. There is a lot going on in our church home: global missions, local and regional outreach, vibrant Christian education and a renewed spirit with a strong direction!

We are in the early planning stages, and we welcome any thoughts, ideas or suggestions you may have. Our goal is to have a formal launch within the next six to eight months. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have in the meantime. Our commitment to you is to have frequent communication, open minds and hearts and a strong dedication to successfully completing the campaign. The success of this campaign will depend on us all working together, so we look forward to partnering with you and ask that your blessing and prayers be with us.

Thank you.

Jason Rising



AN UPDATE FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Members and Friends,

If you have entered the church through the Portico doors recently, you have noticed that the roof area has been repaired. Damaged and rotted wood has been replaced and the new wood wrapped with aluminum. Some of that damage was caused by carpenter ants and they have been thoroughly sprayed.

Part of the flat roof was badly weakened over the years and that had to be replaced. Lastly, we discovered that the gutters were extensively pitted and had to be replaced. The good news: all that was completed by the contractor a few weeks ago. The bad news: the cost was \$5,500.

Many thanks,

Dave Hicks



Thanks to BHCC, over 25,000 pounds of food was distributed to over 1,300 people in need on May 18!

Many thanks!

Our next distribution is in September.

Again, thank you.

**In Christ,
The Mission Committee**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CARE LIST

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