

~ ~Things I Never Knew~ ~

*“With gratitude in your hearts, sing psalms, and hymns,
and spiritual songs.”*

~Colossians 3:16

Dear Members and Friends,

You could fill more than one book with the things I never knew. In fact, many books (surely most books) are already filled with exactly those things: facts and data that never took root in me. Perhaps like you, I specialize in a field of knowledge that I’ve mastered quite nicely. But I only have a smattering of knowledge about a great many other things. Geology, aquatic life, computer technology, how to play the oboe... I’m vaguely aware that lighters were invented before matches. I only learned recently that there were still mammoths walking the earth when the great pyramids of Egypt were built. And did you know that the national animal of Scotland is the unicorn? (Sorry, Scotland, you know I love you, but this unicorn thing helps explain why the Queen of England feels the need to take care of you. Besides, don’t you think a queen complements the whole unicorn / fairytale theme pretty nicely?) It’s interesting that humanity figured out how to travel to the moon before it ever occurred to us to put wheels on suitcases. There’s so much to learn in a year full of months, a week full of days, a life full of moments, and hours, all of them filled with new things to discover. We could never absorb them all.

I recently read about a woman who came to faith late in life. She marveled at the beauty and poignancy of the Psalms that she encountered in the Bible. A verse from Psalm 122 spoke to her heart in a profound way. It’s an ancient dream for Jerusalem—an old, old wish that has yet to be granted after all these centuries. The verse simply says, “Let there be peace within your walls and security within your towers.” She clung to that verse, committed it to memory, held it up to the light to examine it from different angles, like a jewel. She explains, “That’s what I need, peace in my towers. I never knew an old book like that one [the Bible] could say exactly what’s inside of me.” It’s amazing the things we can learn, no matter our age. I’ve known for decades that the Book of Psalms can speak to every human emotion that we face: shame, fear, joy, zeal, grief, contentment, wonder, longing. Whatever you’re feeling, try this little trick sometime: let your Bible fall open to the middle, at the Book of Psalms, and see if you don’t find that emotion expressed somewhere on the page.

Here’s something you might not know: The New Testament encourages us to sing those lovely old Psalms. (In two places, actually: Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16.) In fact, for a very long time, Presbyterians sang nothing but the Psalms, which were crammed edgewise into rhyming couplets and set to the same ten or fifteen tunes, which were used over and over. There were no Christmas carols, no hymns, just those beautiful Psalms of the Hebrew Bible.

One of my favorite things about Bower Hill Church is our endless desire to learn things. New things, old things, things we’ve forgotten, things we never would have believed. Because of their poetry and spiritual richness, we’re re-viving the ancient practice of singing the Psalms in worship here at our church. Each Sunday, the daily Psalm will be set to music—sometimes the same music week after week—and placed between the first and second Scripture readings for the congregation to sing. We hope that this will be an exercise in discovery, as together we relearn the ages-old poems that shaped the Jewish and Christian faiths. Just like that woman newly converted to faith, perhaps we will be amazed at how an old book like that can say exactly what’s inside of us.

Christ’s Peace,

~Brian



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Preschool through 4th grade are invited to attend Children's Worship following the Children's Sermon.

Children will meet their parents in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Grades five and up will attend worship at 9:30 a.m. with their families.



KIDS CARE

Children attending Kids Care childcare in Room 110, (lounge across from music room), during the Adult Education hour must be signed in and out by an adult responsible for their care. Unattended children will not be permitted to

stay and will be sent back to find an adult to sign them into Kids Care. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Bower Hill Kids safe.

SUNDAY MORNING WRAP-UP will be held each Sunday, following worship and during coffee hour, when grades five and higher are invited for a short time (15-20 minutes) to room 203 to discuss various aspects of the worship service. Led by a core group of the Youth Ministries Committee, this will be a time of reflection on the sermon and prayer, and a look at the scriptures and music used in the worship service. Youth are welcome to bring their snacks during the short discussion.

EAT AND MEET — GRADES 5 AND UP, considered to be a traditional youth group meeting, will be held on the second Sunday of each month, September through May, from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. It will include dinner, games and Bible study.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Grades 5 through 8 are invited to register for the upcoming Middle School Retreat at Crestfield Camp, November 20-22. Registration forms can be found on the CE bulletin board located by the kitchen. If you have questions, please contact Marla at ma@bhccml.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

The Cherub Choir, consisting of preschool through 4th grade, will begin on Sunday, November 1, during second hour. The choir's first performance will be on Sunday, December 13, during worship for a special Christmas program. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Smith at an@bhccml.com.



ADULT EDUCATION

Steve Boisvert, Chair
Adult Education Committee

The schedule shown below is for the month of October and the first week of November. Adult Education meets in the Friendship Room from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings following worship and a time for fellowship. If you've never attended a session, give it a try. You'll find stimulating ideas and conversation as we explore what it means to be people of faith in this ever-challenging world.

October 5: *Navigating Hospice Care: An Update from the Neighbors.* Barbara Ivanko, President and CEO of Family Hospice and Palliative Care, will share with us news of the organization's upcoming affiliation with UPMC and Presbyterian SeniorCare. She will also discuss when it may be time to raise the issue of hospice care with loved ones. Who initiates the conversation, and what resources are available to help?

October 11: Elder Steve Boisvert will lead a class on the spiritual dimensions of Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, which has been called his "Sermon on the Mount." The class is based on a lecture series at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and an accompanying book by Dr. Ronald C. White, who has spent years exploring the spiritual side of our 16th president.

October 18 : The Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder will continue his series on spirituality and theology in our lives and the life of the church.

October 25: Emily Keebler of Kiva Pittsburgh will explain how Kiva Pittsburgh is using micro-lending in our area to support small businesses. We've learned about Kiva's work around the world. Here is a look at how it works in our own communities.

November 1: Dan Kysela will introduce us to Project VALOR, an organization for Veterans to help other Veterans to navigate through the process of recovering and rebuilding.

KOINONIA: WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Koinonia is the name of Bower Hill's Women's Bible Study group. The group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in Room 110 (Lounge) from September through May.

Koinonia is a Greek word meaning "fellowship." While we come together to learn and to deepen our faith, equally important is the fellowship we share with one another. A strong Biblical background is not required to be a member...all you need is a desire to grow. Please join us this Wednesday! Contact Kathy Philson with any questions.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR SNYDER

As you enter the sanctuary, consider sitting quietly and listening to the "prelude." As you wait for the service to begin, you may use this time for quiet reflection and prayer. In the same way, you may wish to remain in your pew and listen to the "postlude" at the conclusion of the service. Both pieces of music are specifically chosen for the theme of the day, beautifully performed by our Director of Music, and lend themselves to stillness and meditation.

**WORSHIP PLANS**

October 4: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 8

October 11: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Mark 10:17-31

October 18: 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism — Benjamin Thomas Robosky
Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Mark 10:35-45

October 25: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Mark 10:46-52

**Newcomers
Lunch****Are you new to Bower Hill Church?**

Would you like to find out more about our congregation, what we believe, why we do the things we do? If so, Pastor Snyder will be holding a "Newcomers' Lunch" on Sunday, October 25, just after the worship service. This is an informal discussion time with the pastor and other newcomers. For

those who decide to join the church, this will serve as the new members' class. However, there is no obligation; this is the proverbial free lunch! It is approximately a two-hour event. Please call or email to reserve a place, to inform us of dietary restrictions, and to notify us if you will need childcare: 412-561-4114 or br@bhccml.com.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS****COMMUNION SERVERS**

Theresa Child, Nancy Geis, D.J. Geis, Phyllis Yohe

LECTORS

October 4: Dick Headley
October 11: Ellie Rising
October 18: Ed Hanke
October 25: Joan Bridges

USHER CAPTAIN: Karl Casey

GREETERS

October 4: Betty Ewing, Beth Wilson, Marian Brannan
October 11: Brad & Amanda Gray, Donna Williams
October 18: Mike Riemer, Lynn Foltz, Andy Smith
October 25: Andy Druckenbrod, Darendra & Tim Lease

ACOLYTES

October 4: Greta & Chloe Snyder, Lydon Cameron
October 11: Henry & Clara Druckenbrod, Ellie Rising
October 18: Graceann Foster, Avery Saba, Ellie Rising
October 25: Lindsay & Allie Bruder

COFFEE HOUR

October 4: Robbins Family
October 11: Green Family
October 18: Olinger / Gissin Families
October 25: Snyder Family

FLOWER DEACONS

October 4: Nancy Criswell
October 11: Kathy Philson
October 18: Doris Olinger
October 25: Sally Child

GREETER / COMMUNION SERVER NOTE:

Your volunteer service during worship each week is greatly appreciated. To minimize the tasks of the church secretary and greeter/usher chairperson, please attempt to schedule your own replacement on a day that you cannot serve.

If you have already arranged to switch with someone else, please notify the church office so that the appropriate greeters are recognized each Sunday. Thank you!

Scheduling Issues? Please contact:

Greeters, Communion Servers: Joan Zakor

Lectors: Joan Zakor

Acolytes: Jean Miewald

Coffee Hour: Pat Jacobs

Deacons: Darendra Lease

Family Promise



The church is host to Family Promise during the week of November 8-15.

Scheduling volunteers begins soon. Many volunteers are needed to prepare meals, serve as evening and overnight hosts, drive, coordinate activities, purchase and organize supplies, and assist in many other ways. Although most hosts are adults, youth can participate as well by arranging activities for young children and socializing with older kids. Volunteering together as a family is a great way to teach your own children generosity of spirit.

To volunteer or to learn more, contact our **Family Promise Coordinator, Jean Miewald.**

Phone: 412-221-2114; Email: MiewaldJM@upmc.edu

Additional FP Contacts:

Dinner Host—Darenda Lease, 412-854-4481 or dlease109@comcast.net

Overnight—Betsy Hohlfelder, 412-341-1029 or betsyho@verizon.net

Van Driver—Maggie DeLair 724-344-7776 or margaretdelair@gmail.com

Dinner Hosting

- Consists of preparing a meal for 14 people or less (plus the hosts!). An estimated number of guests and information is usually confirmed / communicated the week before hosting. Meals should be simple; a meat, veggie, starch, dessert. Tacos, pizza, meatloaf, chili, hamburgers and hotdogs have been a few of the favorites.
- Paper products are set up and ready for you to use or you can use the church dinnerware.
- Dinner hosts arrive around 5:30 p.m. to set up dinner and drinks for buffet type serving, and then spend time socializing and dining with the guests followed by clean-up of the kitchen and dining area.
- Dinner hosts depart once the Overnight Hosts arrive at 8:15 p.m.
- Reimbursement for the dinner is available; receipts can be submitted to the Mission Committee.

Overnight Hosts

- Overnight Hosts arrive at 8:15 p.m.

Van Driver

- Takes approximately an hour of your time and provides you with an opportunity to meet and talk with new people.
- Involves driving the 14 passenger van from BHCC to the Crafton house in the afternoon, picking up our guests, and driving them back to BHCC (and vice versa in the morning).
- Afternoon van drivers will need to leave the church at 4:30 p.m. Morning van drivers will need to leave the church at 6:00 a.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m. on the weekend.
- Concerns about level of experience driving the van? Please let us know, and you can do a test drive in the church parking lot!!

NOTE: Please return any laundry that you may have washed from a previous hosting week.



Benjamin Richard Boisvert

Born March 5, 2015

to Ben and Carolyn Boisvert

Baptized on September 20, 2015

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Philson, September 6, 2015
(Mother of Curt Philson)

Darrell E. Waller, Jr. —September 7, 2015
(Husband of Cindy Waller)

Velma Noonan — September 16, 2015

Adeline "Dolly" DiCenzo — September 18, 2015
(Mother of Doris Olinger)

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



SENIOR MEN'S GROUP

Senior men's breakfast will meet on **Tuesday, October 6**. The group convenes at 8:00 a.m. at Kings Restaurant on Rte. 50, Washington Pike, near the end of Greentree Road, in Scott. There is no agenda other than good fellowship and interesting conversation. No invitation or reservation is needed. Typically six to 10 men attend. Join us in the room to the left of the cashier.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



Second Sunday Each Month

The next collection day for Wallace Food Pantry is Sunday, **October 11**. For the month of October, their greatest need is for dessert mixes that can be included in the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner bags provided to client families. Desserts that are complete in one box (such as brownies,

lemon bars, pineapple upside down cake, etc.) are preferred, but they welcome cake mixes, too, as long as icing is donated along with each mix.

These and any donations of non-perishable foods, toiletry items, and paper products are welcome and are a great help in enabling them to serve their clients.



KEEP THE COLLECTION COMING!!

We continue to collect items for the Fall Flea Market. All items must be clean and in working condition and can be dropped off from Monday through Friday during office hours, or Sunday before or after worship. If you are able, please take all items directly upstairs to the loft; otherwise leave items on the benches outside Fellowship Hall. **PLEASE NO CLOTHES OR LARGE FURNITURE!** If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Child at (412) 429-9519 or treetoowon@yahoo.com.

The Flea Market donation **deadline is Sunday, November 15**, so keep bringing in all the great "stuff" for which the BHCC Flea Market is known.

BOOKWORMS



Bookworms is our ladies' book discussion group. It meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103 for fellowship and discussion of a chosen title. Everyone is welcome to read the book for the month and join the discussion.

October 20—*Hissing Cousins*, by Marc Peyser

November 17—*The Trial of Fallen Angels* by James Kimmel, Jr.

(No meeting in December.)



GREAT COFFEE, TEA, AND COCOA FOR A GREAT CAUSE

For over a decade, Bower Hill Community Church has served Fair Trade coffee and tea during Fellowship Time and church events. Congregation members are also able to purchase coffee, tea, and cocoa. Our coffee, teas, and cocoa are all from Equal Exchange worker cooperatives. Through Equal Exchange, small scale farmers not only receive a significantly larger share of the profits, but also have a say in how the organization is run and have the cooperative profits returned to their communities. Communities decide whether their share of the profits will help build a school, a community health center or another community need. PCUSA's Enough for Everyone Program has collaborated with Equal Exchange since 2001.

If you haven't been supporting this program, please consider purchasing some of our Fair Trade products. Coffee, both regular and decaf, is \$8.00 per 12 ounce bag or box of 12 single serve cups. Teas are \$4.00 for a box of 20 tea bags and cocoa is \$6.00 per can. We have an honor system where you can pick up your coffee, tea and/or cocoa in the hallway on the way from the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall and place your check or cash in the offering plate marked "Coffee/Tea/Cocoa." Fair Trade products are a great way to help small scale farmers around the world support their families with pride and dignity.



PARISH LIFE EVENTS — Sheri Geis, Committee Chair

Harvest Party - October 10 — Arrive at 4:00 p.m. — Food at 5:00 p.m.

The Snyder's will be hosting what is becoming our church's annual fall fest party. There will be games for young and old alike, so this is a party for all ages. We will bob for apples, paint pumpkins and do all manner of fun fall games for kids. Grown-ups will have a craft beer tasting....maybe there will even be a contest with a winner and prizes. You'll just have to come and see. We will smoke pork for pulled pork. Bring your favorite craft beer, a side dish to share, lawn chairs, and a pumpkin if you are interested in painting one. Stay long enough and we will likely even break out the stuff for s'mores. (Snyder address: 3524 Washington Pike, Bridgeville)

Murder Mystery Dinner — November 7

You do not want to miss it!! Details forthcoming!

4TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW / LUNCHEON to benefit the Haiti Clean Water Project



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 12:00 noon

**Tickets sold weekly following worship.
\$25.00 per person**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual event! Again this year, there will be reserved seating for tables of eight, so ask your friends to join you! Fashions will be represented from stores in the Galleria Mall, Mt. Lebanon. Want to help? Consider donating a gift basket for the raffle. Models of all ages are needed! We always welcome day-of-event help (at the door, in the kitchen, raffle, clean-up). Please contact Mary Good or Kathy Philson.



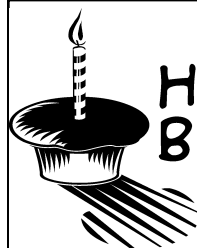
PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE



Thanks to everyone who has participated to date and had your pictures taken. For those who have not had pictures taken or submitted to us, please consider doing so. It helps all of us to put a name with a face. The last photo sessions will be held on a Saturday and a Sunday in early October. Please look for the dates in the bulletin and via a mass email.

If you cannot make a photo shoot session, please send us a recent picture of your family. We prefer them electronically, but a hardcopy photo can be scanned and the original returned to you. Please send to Glenn Child – gstchild@yahoo.com or give Glenn a hardcopy at church or via regular mail.

Once the final photo session is completed, the publishing and distribution of the photo directory will move forward.



	October 11	Jason Rising	October 29	Robert Balentine Grace Foster
	October 12	Andrejs Baumhammers Sara Waller Vanessa Shwallon	October 30	Curt Philson
	October 17	Ryan Kelly Lesley Olinger	October 31	David Cameron
October 02	Sylvia McIlvane Anne Mitchell	October 18	Trisha Eliason Autumn Grella	
October 03	Rachel Robosky	October 19	Mary Ketchum	
October 04	Mary Gorski	October 22	Allison Gibbons	
October 05	Tyler Kane	October 23	Lydon Cameron Zak Kerner	
October 06	Ginny Starr	October 24	Dave Stewart	
October 09	Woody Hughes	October 26	Dorothy Post	
October 10	Eleanora Freas	October 27	Brad Gray	

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.

Please call 412-561-4114.

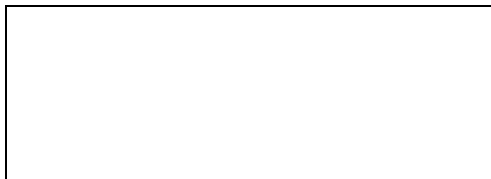
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SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION

Need a ride to worship? The deacons would like to provide a ride for members who need one. Please contact the Church Office several days before Sunday worship, and someone will help schedule your ride.

ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE A RIDE?

The deacons are compiling a list of people who might be **willing to give rides** to church. There are several people who do not drive who might come to church if they had a ride. If you would be willing to offer rides, please call the church office at 412-561-4114.

