

News of Bethany

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July/August 2009

July and August News and Events

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SERMON SERIES

AUGUST 9 – SEPTEMBER 6

August 9	What Are You Hungry For?
August 16	The Message In The Munchies
August 23	Jesus Is Good to You
August 30	The Eucharistic Meal
September 6	Had Enough?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 21, 2009 Summer Schedule begins
Worship at 9:00am no Sunday School

FALL SCHEDULE

September 6, 2009 Fall Schedule begins
Worship at 10:30am

OUR MISSION

*Bethany Presbyterian Church is a church making
an impact on the lives of all people through the
love of Jesus Christ*

From the Pastors Desk

Kids. They grow up so fast.

In June, our family celebrated our first graduation. Pre-Kindergarten graduation, that is, and how excited we all were. Aaron didn't know what to expect. They had practiced their song -- "Kindergarten Here We Come" -- and their little poem -- "I'm a Graduate". He was most excited to leave his preschool for reasons you wouldn't think -- it was because he hates taking naps and wants to bring his own food. (Aren't children precious?)

I've been excited with him all along the way. I love seeing him growing and learning, but today as I dropped him off at Sports of All Sorts Camp I thought, does he have to grow up so fast. He's just a little guy.

And isn't that exactly how life can be? We love to see others mature and grow and yet at times it feels like it is too fast or we are still a little unsure about what is around the corner. We get used to things being a certain way and we get comfortable.

Expectations and Change

Over the last several years we have had certain expectations of Bethany Presbyterian Church -- both the congregation and its staff and over the last year we have learned that life is ever changing. Our wonderful ever enthused Jim Grossman continues to learn his limitations since the installation of a pacemaker-defibrillator last summer. Kathy Groff and Cas Ardrey have both needed to resign from Bethany. We now have a new Secretary, Jennifer Book in the office working with us and in July we will begin the discernment/selection process for a new Music Director/Choir Director for Bethany Church. Much has changed in just a few months.

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PASTORS TIME

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However, we have also raised well over the funds needed to repair the organ and all new leather stops have been installed in our pipe organ. The congregation has made a strong statement that no matter how things may change, the members and attenders are committed to supporting and being part of Bethany. I am so very proud of each and every one of you!

We do not always know what God is doing in our midst, but what we do know is that God works in and through each one of us. God is preparing us for what is to come and providing what we need to begin a new chapter in the Bethany story.

Taking a Breath

Summer is traditionally a time to take a breath. Please let it be a reminder for us of the breaths we take throughout our journey. The Lord has been doing some great and powerful work in this church and in our hearts. Each time we feel like we are stressed or had all that we can handle we are reminded that the Lord has given us the strength for the journey and then given our souls a chance to take a breath before the next challenge approaches.

From a Breath to a Prayer

Now is that time for a breath, but we also know that no matter what comes before us we need not fear. But in fear, in times of crises, illness or confusion, we need to recenter upon God and pray for a clear sense of direction, for discernment, for strength, for peace.

And as we ask for ourselves, may we also ask this for our Oromoo brothers and sisters who will begin

a leadership transition themselves. Rev. Gemechisa Guja retires as of June 30, 2009. However, he will continue to lead worship and preach while also moderating their Session through the end of the year if needed. They now begin a process of uncertainty, looking to God for discernment as they make sure all the responsibilities and tasks are covered and ministries continue during this process.

My Brothers and Sisters, let us devote 10 minutes each day to pray for Bethany and Oromoo – that God brings us the discernment and strength we need to be faithful disciples and servants of our Lord.

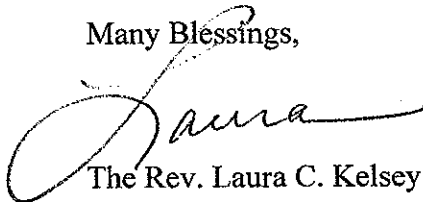
Looking to the Future

Bethany has received a grant from Donegal Presbytery to help finance a church coach that is gifted and trained in church discernment, visioning and transformation, but we need your help. We need regular prayer from the entire congregation for discernment and a common vision. Please pray this prayer with me each day:

“God of all knowledge, guide Bethany and Oromoo to follow the path you designed for us. Give us discernment to see your vision. Give us an open heart to follow where you lead; and instill in us a sense that these decisions are made in your name and for your purpose. May we all hear clearly your call and follow you. Amen.”

And as we join together in prayer, may we be constantly assured and connected with God and one another.

Many Blessings,



The Rev. Laura C. Kelsey

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JULY AND AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- July 5, 2009** **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: Proverbs 16: 1-9, John 6: 1-15
Message: The God of the United States
Guest Preacher: Steve Getty
- July 12, 2009** **15th Sunday on Ordinary Time - Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: Samuel 6:1-5, 26-19, Ephesians 1:3-14 The Message
Message: So You Think You can Dance
Special Music: Jeremy Kelsey
- July 19, 2009** **16 Sunday in Ordinary Time - Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: Isaiah 41:10; 48: 175, John 13:13; 15:12; Mark 16:15
Message: Camp Edge- Experiencing and Discovering God Everywhere
Special Focus: Vacation Bible School Sunday
Special Music: Camp E.D.G.E Soundtrack
- July 26, 2009** **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: Psalm 14. The Message, Ephesians 3: 14-21
Message: Frugal Supplications
Special Music: David Schwartz
- August 2, 2009** **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Worship at 9:00 am**
Led by Bethany Congregational Leadership
Special Focus: A Calvin Celebration
- August 9, 2009** **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: John 6: 1-21
Message: The Bread of Life: What Are You Hungry For?
Special Music: Jeremy Kelsey
- August 16, 2009** **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: John 6: 24-35
Message: The Bread of Life. The Message In The Munchies
- August 23, 2009** **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time- Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: John 6:35, 41-51
Message: The Bread of Life. Jesus Is Good 4 U
Special Music: David Schwartz
- August 30, 2009** **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Worship at 9:00 am**
Text: John 6: 51-58
Message: The Bread of Life. The Eucharistic Meal
- September 6, 2009** **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Worship at 10:30am**
Text: John 6:56-69
Message: The Bread of Life. Had Enough

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND CHANCEL FLOWERS

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS/USHERS

- 5 - Jean Schwartz
- 12 - Jean Schwartz
- 19 - Doug Smith
- 25 - Diane Ashba

USHERS

- 5 - Jack Nauffts, Valerie Calhoun
- 12 - Bob Schwartz, David Schwartz
- 19 - Maurine Smith, Pat Rineer
- 25 - Dick Creswell, Joan Creswell

LITURGISTS

- 5 - Lori Pickell
- 12 - Doug Smith
- 19 - Judith Maier
- 26 - Susan Fetterman

JULY CHANCEL FLOWERS

- 5 - Dick and Jo Fleckenstein
- 12 - Adeline and Alex Henderson
- 19 - Susan and Ken Stoudt
- 25 - Betty Irwin

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS/USHERS

- 2 - Susan Paxson, Barbra McCrary.
- 9 - Joyce Richards, Larry Doyle
- 16 - Michelle Atwater, Garry Peters
- 23 - Maurice Benner, Landon Proffitt
- 30 - Sylvia Doyle, Brian Ashba

USHERS

- 2 - TBA
- 9 - TBA
- 16 - TBA
- 23 - TBA
- 30 - TBA

LITURGISTS

- 2 - TBA
- 9 - David Schwartz
- 16 - Diane Asba
- 23 - TBA
- 30 - Betty Duncan

AUGUST CHANCEL FLOWERS

- 2 - Alex and Adeline Henderson
- 9 - Charlotte Angevine
- 16 - Joan and Dick Creswell
- 23 - Betty Gingrich
- 30 - Elaine Bornstein

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Alexander Henderson
- 4 - Polly Snyder
- 5 - Nancy Siegler
- 6 - William Weller
- 7 - Diane Ashba
- 19 - Robert Schwartz
- 25 - Betty Duncan
- 25 - Randy Mohler
- 27 - Jean Schwartz
- 28 - Betty Irwin
- 28 - Betty Stevenson
- 30 - George Schwartz
- 30 - Joan Creswell

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Lois Deck
- 12 - Ruth Verwohlt
- 17 - Allison Fetterman
- 17 - Emily Harshman
- 17 - John A. Sippel
- 20 - Susan Paxson
- 23 - Helen Schwartz
- 26 - Sylvia Doyle
- 27 - Eleanor Willenborg
- 29 - Rosanna Creasy

We would like to include a list of Anniversaries to our Newsletter. If you would like to be a part of that please call the church office or e-mail your information to bethanypres01@yahoo.com. Thank you.

DEACONS MINISTRIES AND PRAYER FAMILY

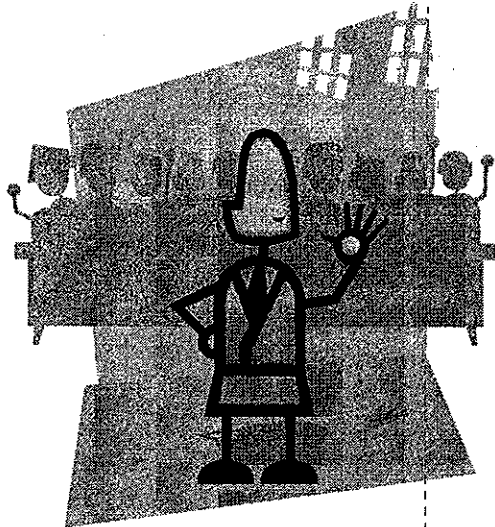
DEACON MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT COMPASSION MINISTRY

The Deacon spotlight Ministry for July and August is our Compassion Ministry. The Compassion Ministry was formerly called Card Ministry. For 2009, Pastor Laura liked the idea of changing the Ministry name from Card Ministry to Compassion Ministry. She recommended this change to the Deacons. We enthusiastically agreed!

The Compassion Ministry has been a very popular Deacon Ministry at Bethany for many years. It involves sending out a variety of cards throughout the entire year to church members. These include birthday cards, anniversary cards, get well cards, sympathy cards, holiday cards, etc.

Jo Fleckenstein and Sylvia Doyle are our Deacon Compassion Ministry Coordinators. Susie Paxson, currently serving on Deacons, was one of our Compassion Ministry Coordinators when she formerly served on Deacons. Thank you so much to Jo, Sylvia and Susie for your wonderful Compassion for the Bethany Family. It is so greatly appreciated!

Doug Smith, Moderator Board of Deacons



PRAYER FAMILY for JULY & AUGUST



Our Prayer Family for July/August is Randy Mohler. He lives at 725 Columbia Ave in Lancaster City.

Randy has been a member of Bethany since 1997, 12 years now. He has been involved with the Choir and Nick's Breakfast Group.

Randy has been employed by Sunline Trailers in Denver; the Ephrata Review; OK Associates, Science Press in Ephrata; as a Lab Assistant at CBI; for the Consumer Satisfaction Team of Lancaster County from 2000-2005; and for Tempo Clubhouse As a Clerical/Office Assistant in the MH/MR/EI Offices.

Randy has a B. A. Degree in Social Sciences from Simon's Rock College in Massachusetts. He has taken Graduate School Classes in Psychology at Millersville.

Randy enjoys sports, especially baseball, football, and golf. He is a fan of all Philadelphia sports, especially the Phillies and Eagles. Randy enjoys Penn State football as well. He is a huge History buff and is an expert on American Presidents. If you ask Randy about any U.S. President, he will tell you what year they were in office, how they are remembered by Historians, their legacy and the like. Randy's favorite Presidents are Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and FDR.

Randy asks that we pray for our Country; our President; all those who face mental health challenges; and all those who face physical health disabilities and challenges.

Doug Smith, Moderator Board of Deacons

BETHANY MISSION CORNER

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The personnel committee has been very busy during the last several months. As you are aware we have had two departures from our small staff. After an extensive search Jennifer Book has been hired and has begun her duties as the church's administrative assistant. If you have not had the opportunity to meet her please feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself. Jennifer, in her short time with us, is proving to be a great fit for us!

The committee has one more position to fill- that of Music Director. Cas has left huge shoes to fill. The committee has agreed to begin the search process during the month of July in order to have a Music Director in place as we begin the "music year" in Sept. While we will advertise the position, we also encourage you to let us know if you know of a potential candidate. We will keep the choir and congregation up to date as we seek to fill this important position

SESSION MISSION COMMITTEE

It is always a good thing to acknowledge and congratulate ourselves for things well done. Over the past few months Bethany has continues its tradition of generosity toward others. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering which was received on Easter Sunday resulted in \$440.00 in contributions. These gifts can and do change lives through the Disaster Assurance Hunger and on World Wide Communion Sunday- more on this in a future issue of Bethany News.

Did you know that through the Lancaster County Council of Churches programs over 20,000 people in the county are helped? These programs include the Food and Clothing Banks, Winter Shelter, assisting homeless individuals to keep warm during extreme cold weather, Community Meals, Utility and Rental Assistance, Pa Work Wear, and C-Yes programs.

The need is always great, however during these difficult economic times the need has

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dramatically increased. "The number of children served by the food bank alone has increased more then the 335 over the last year" (LCCC newsletter of 3/19/2009).

Members of Bethany are encouraged to be creative in their efforts to continues to assist individuals and families through this difficult financial period.

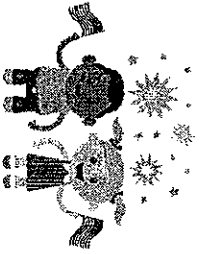
Sanctuary Carpet Fundraising Effort Begins

Over the course of the last couple years, it has become apparent to most worshippers that the carpet in the sanctuary of Bethany Church is in desperate need of replacement. The carpet has many spots where the backing has completely disintegrated and has spots where it is loose, is unraveling and coming up during light vacuuming. Although we have been discerning our plan for repair and replacement for the last 18 months or more, we now understand that it is currently becoming a safety issue. We are anticipating a cost of \$12,000.00 for sanctuary carpet replacement

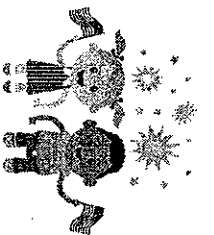
Therefore, the Session has made the decision that all fundraising donations and profits will go into the building fund for this purpose. To date we have raised approximately \$1500.00. We have also placed envelopes in the pew racks with the words, "Sanctuary Carpet Fund". We encourage the Bethany Family to prayerfully consider a donation to his grately needed project.

SHARING AND CARING THROUGH PRAYER

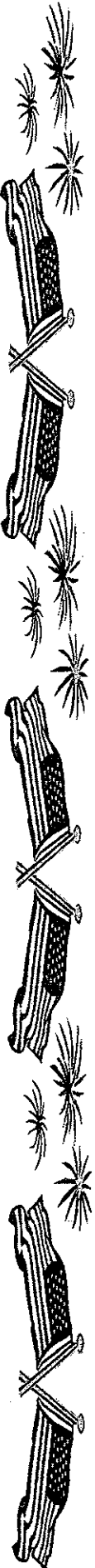
The members of the Caring and Sharing group shared a meal with several members of our congregation at the home of Reverend Kelsey. After enjoying good food and fellowship, Laura led the group with prayer and scripture readings with the emphasis on the power of sharing prayer. Sharing faith journeys was also a way we could get to know each other in a personal way.



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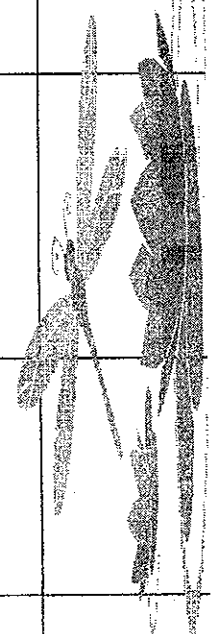
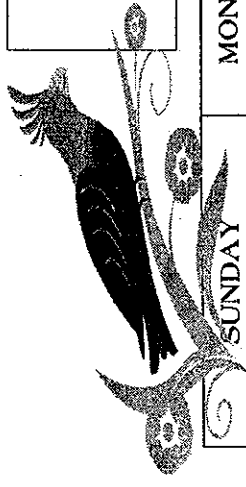


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						FOURTH OF JULY 12pm-4pm Oromoo Youth
5 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:00am Bethany Fellowship 2:00pm Oromoo Worship 4:00pm Oromoo Fellowship	6 2:00pm Prayer Group 6:45pm Boy Scouts	7 7:00pm Session	8 8:00pm A/Annon	9 6:00pm Oromoo Prayer Group 7:30 pm A.A Study Group	10 7:00pm A/Annon	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am-2:00pm Boy Scout Chicken BBQ
12 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:00am Bethany Fellowship 2:00pm Oromoo Worship 4:00pm Oromoo Fellowship 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS	13 2:00pm Prayer Group 6:45pm Boy Scouts 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS	14 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS	15 8:00pm A/Annon 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS	16 6:00pm Oromoo Prayer Group 6:00pm-8:30pm VBS 7:30 pm A.A Study Group	17 7:00pm A/Annon	18 5:30pm-8:00pm White Deer Run
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9 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:00am Bethany Fellowship 2:00pm Oromoo Worship and retirement Service 6:00pm Committee Meeting Boy Scouts 5:00pm Retirement party for Rev.Guja	10 2:00pm Prayer Group 6:45pm Boy Scouts	11	12 8:00pm AIAnon	13 8:00am -10:00am Oromoo Session 6:00pm Oromo Prayer Group 7:30 pm A.A Study Group	14 7:00pm AIAnon	15 5:30pm-8:00pm White tail Run
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

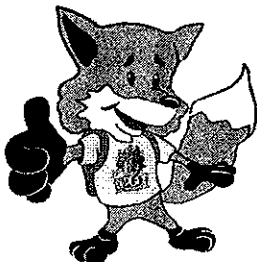
Christian Education Programs to Start Up in the Fall Rally Day -- Sunday, September 13, 2009 -- 9:00 a.m.

During the Summer

During the Summers, Bethany teachers and students alike, enjoy a sabbatical from the regular Christian Education program and take special time with family. The one program the entire church gathers around in support, attendance or prayer is the **Annual Vacation Bible School, which is taking place Sunday, July 12-16 during the evenings, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Following the Vacation Bible School's completion, Bethany educators begin gearing up for our regular Fall Education Curriculum.

Beginning on Sunday, September 13th, Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9 a.m. with worship following at 10:30 a.m.



This year the grade school children will continue to use the "I Believe" PC(USA) curriculum, the Kindergarten and Youth classes will use a curriculum yet to be determined, and the Adult class will participate in an intensive study of the Book of Romans. During worship, children are welcome to take part in the Children's Church program following the Children's Message during worship.

The Bethany Youth Group will begin its regular weekly Sunday evening schedule on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bethany Church began a brand-new Youth

Group program in 2008 and it will continue to meet on Sunday evenings and is for all youth 6th through 12th grades. This is a time of getting together, an activity or game and bible study. We always look forward to others joining the group and consists of youth from throughout the Lancaster community.

Totally Awesome Wednesdays restarts on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Totally Awesome Wednesday meets on the *Second Wednesday each month* and is a program for ages 3 - 12th grade. All ages eat supper together and then the children ages 3 - Kindergarten go to their dedicated classroom. The 1st - 5th grade rotate through storytime, games and crafts. The 6th - 12th grade spend their evening after supper in the youth room, playing games, doing activities and bible study and having some time to connect with one another.

Dorcas' Bible Study

In 2009, The Bethany women began a new Bible Study group that meets monthly and uses the Presbyterian Women Bible Study Curriculum. In the Fall the Dorcas Circle will begin a study of the Book of Joshua. They meet _____

The Christian Education Committee invites all Bethany members and participants to discern if one of these programs would be a good fit for you.

If you have an interest in a program not listed in our fall studies, please let Pastor Laura or Brian Ashba know and we can discuss with you how to meet a new or changing need for spiritual development at Bethany.

NEWS, CONCERNS, AND NOTES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Miriam Girvin, recovering at Lancashire Hall

Eva Lauer, recovering from surgery at home

Charlotte Angevine,

Gloria Feltzer- is in Hospice care



LANCASTER GENERAL HAS A NEW LOOK AND A NEW NAME.

Lancaster General will now be called **Lancaster General Health**. Please take some time to look at Lancaster Generals website. There have been a lot of changes.

The website is www.lancastergeneral.org.

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

In the foyer above the Memorial Bookstand you will find a public record of the name of each person whose ashes are committed in the Garden, together with the year of birth and death on an individual nameplate. The nameplate will be the only marker used. The blue brochure which is enclosed is intended to answer most of the questions you may have about the Memorial Garden. If you have any other questions please contact Jack Nauffts, Landon Proffitt or Paul Siegler

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Presbyterian Women wish to thank each and every person who helped with the Spring Basement Sale on May 16th. \$550.00 was raised. This could have not been done with out you. Thank you.

Items for the Fall Basement Sale are now being accepted. The Fall Basement Sale will be held on Sat. October 14 from 8:00am – Noon. Hope to see you all there.



Financials

Income & expenses to date - as of 31-May-09

All Funds

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$72,008.33	\$85,990.84	\$13,982.51
Expenses	\$72,008.33	\$73,322.63	-\$1,905.73
Total		\$159,313.47	\$12,076.78
Net Worth:			
Operating			\$15,369.52
Building/Music/Memorial			\$17,739.99
Total			\$33,109.51



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 7, 2009, MAY 5, 2009, JUNE 2, 2009

Guest: Maurine Smith - April 7, 2009

Maurine Smith gave a summary of the Time and Talents auction held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. She stated auction receipts were over 1400.00. The monies will be deposited in the Building Fund. She stated the committee will take a short break and start plans for additional fundraisers to be held later in the year. The Session thanked Maurine and Her committee for a job well done.

Clerks Report: Larry J. Doyle

The Clerk reported on the death of member Jacqueline Grossman, April 4, 2009, who was a member for 32 years. The clerk reported on the death of member Dorothy M. Pender, April 5, 2009, who was a member for 27 years.

The Clerk read a letter from the City of Lancaster Bureau of police to Rev. Laura Kelsey, informing Bethany that the police sector offices in the city are permanently closed. It was very gracious of Bethany to offer the office space used by their officers; and stated that although they will no longer have an office in the building, they will be sure continue their commitment to sector 11. They thank Bethany for its support and express the importance of continued cooperation between neighbor, organizations and the police to keep Lancaster a safe.

The Clerk read a letter from Donegal Presbytery's Committee on Ministry informing Bethany that the changes in the church's call to Pastor Laura were not approved because they do not meet the 2009 minimum terms of call.

The Clerk read a letter from Elder William W. Campbell informing Session of his resignation from Session of Bethany Presbyterian Church. He informed Session his resignation is with good feelings and best wishes.

The Clerk reported to Session that he and Pastor Laura attended the 2009 Minutes Review Meeting and Bethany's minutes were approved without exception.

Pastors Report: Rev Laura C. Kelsey

Pastor Laura reported she officiated at the marriage service of member Jason Fetterman and Christina Lipe, held at Bethany Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Session approved Pastor Laura's vacation time for July 3, 2009 through July 9, 2009 and July 27, 2009 through and including August 2, 2009.

Church Coach update: Pastor Laura was contacted by Linnea Nilsen Capshaw who has been selected by Brian McLaren to be our coach. A telephone interview with her followed to asses if she a good match with our particular setting.

Oromoo Update: Rev Guja will begin his retirement at the end of June 2009. However, he will begin in a non-called position providing worship leadership beginning July 1, 2009 through the end of the year unless another pastor is found prior to this date. It is recommended that COM appoint him to moderate the Session. As of July 1, 2009 he will no longer keep office hours and office needs will be handled by a member of Oromoo church.

Pastor Laura reported the Deacons are very busy with shut-ins and members that are ill. The Deacons are in recess from meetings until September. They have made a donation to the Clare House of \$100.00 and donation to Hospice of \$100.00

Nominating Committee: Elder Barbra A. McCrary

The nominating Committee is scheduling meetings for the express purpose of canvassing the congregation for Elders, Deacons and Auditing.

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Mission Committee: Elder Judith L. Maier

Motion to participate in October in World Wide Communion including the peacemaking offering. Motion carried. Elder Maier reported she received a letter of thank you for our One Great Hour of Sharing donation of \$440.00

Personal Committee: Elder Judith L. Maier

Elder Maier reported on the hiring of a new secretary, Jennifer Book. She received her training at YTI. She will work 20 hours a week. It will be a five day work week, Monday through Friday 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. with one-half hour for lunch.

Property- Elders Landon M. Proffitt and Paul L. Siegler

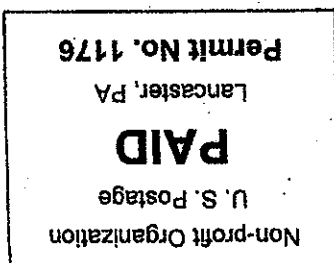
Elder Siegler reported we have received all the funds necessary for the organ repair. Estimates for replacing the carpet have been received. The committee feels to complete the job properly will be \$12,000.00. In the meantime, the existing carpet will be patched as needed.

The troop #4 Eagle Scout project is completed and the scout will be an eagle scout at the end of March.

Session granted use of the previous office used by the police department to the Oromoo congregation to be used as needed, including any furniture they decide they can use. The unused furniture will be given to the Spring Basement Sale

Session agreed that the Time, Talent and Treasure auction money and Future fundraising money be deposited in the Building Fund and earmarked for the sanctuary carpet replacement.

Elder Siegler reported the repair of the organ will start on June 9th or 10th. He also reported on plans to paint the parking lot lines. The memorial Garden Plaque has been placed above the Memorial Bookcase in the Narthex. He encouraged everyone to take a look.



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