



June 2010

BERWYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITING NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING SERVICE

The Lighted Cross

Honoring the Class of 2010

High School

Carl J. Bushnell, son of Cynthia and William Bushnell, is graduating from Great Valley High School and will major in engineering at Auburn University in Alabama. Carl was captain of the Great Valley track team his senior year. He was also on the golf team two years and played freshman basketball. He was active in student council as a classroom representative and sophomore class president. He was selected as a member of the National Honor Society. At BUMC, Carl has served as an usher and a member of the Finance Committee.

Molly Denisevitz, daughter of Sue and Ed Denisevitz, is graduating from Conestoga High School. She will attend Temple University's Tyler School of Art and major in illustration and Italian.

Cason Walker, daughter of Kate and Brian Walker, is graduating from Conestoga High School. She was chosen for the National Honor Society and had Distinguished or First Honors every marking period. She will major in psychology at Ursinis College in Collegeville.

Anna Louise Rose, granddaughter of JoAnn and Gene Foreman, is graduating from West Chester East High School. She will major in nursing at Drexel University, where her parents, Marc and Jo (Foreman) Rose, were students in the 1980s.



College

David K. Bushnell, son of Cynthia and William Bushnell, is graduating from West Chester University with a master's degree in statistics. He has a bachelor's degree in math from East Carolina University. He has been employed full-time by Home Depot while attending West Chester University. David enjoys playing basketball and skiing.

Steven Denisevitz, son of Sue and Ed Denisevitz, is graduating from Temple University with a bachelor of arts degree in film and communication and with a minor in business. Steven hopes to continue working in the film industry.

Emily Farina, daughter of Sue and Frank Farina, is graduating from Cornell University with a bachelor of science degree in apparel design. She is applying for jobs in the fashion industry, and hopes to work in New York City. She has been active in the Cornell Design League.

Stefanie Jean Feinstein, granddaughter of JoAnn and Gene Foreman, is graduating with honors from Hofstra University with a degree in marketing. Stefanie played on the Hofstra softball team that won the conference championship all four years. Her parents are Steven and Valerie (Foreman) Feinstein.

*Our graduates will be recognized
at the 10:30 service on June 13.*

VOICES FROM THE FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

A snapshot of our finances for the first four months

As I mentioned earlier in the year, the Finance Committee is committed to continue to be open and transparent with our budgeting process and budget status. As part of this commitment, the table below is presented to summarize the 2010 budget status as of the end of April. Many thanks to Brian Walker, our new treasurer, who has put in a huge amount of time to become familiar with the budget software so that he can now prepare updated budget summaries such as this on a regular basis.

In reviewing this summary, it is important to keep a few things in mind:

- In the top part of the summary, numbers in () indicate where income is less than budget. In the lower part of the summary, numbers in () indicate where expenses are less than budget.
- Budgeted Income does not yet reflect increases to pledges that were made earlier this year. When this is done, the current surplus in Income will decrease.
- While Expenses are only slightly over Budget, this is largely due to the fact that most discretionary spending (i.e. spending not related to items such as salaries, mortgage, connectional ministries, utilities) was eliminated in the budget. For example, all monies for new music was eliminated from the Music budget.
- Note: Special *thanks* to Asa Walker and Jack Campbell, who have cutting the lawn at no cost to the church, saving \$800 a month. Further thanks to Jack Campbell for providing the lawn mower.
- The budget summarized below does not include any funds for maintenance such as repair of the brick wall holding up the sidewalk by Schieck Hall (\$15,000 estimate) or to fix the recently discovered water leak at the Hurd House (\$6,000 estimate).
- The summary below includes a full reinstatement of staff salaries to their 2009 levels.

Don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions or comments on this budget summary.

Jim Tiede

	Jan – April Actual	Budget	\$ Over (Under) Budget
Income			
Contributions	\$135,546	\$98,462	\$37,084
Contributions - Mortgage Fund	1,681	2,550	(869)
Facility Income	19,210	17,380	1,830
Other Income	1,239	900	339
Total Income	\$157,676	\$119,292	\$38,384
Expense			
Administration Expense	\$ 17,329	\$ 15,561	\$ 1,768
Committee Expense	200	-	200
Communications	720	620	100
Connectional Ministries	12,958	13,508	(550)
Education Expense	1,423	1,246	177
Facilities Operations Expense	36,079	34,157	1,922
Fine Arts	-	-	-
Local Ministries	46,114	46,806	(692)
Membership & Congr. Care	132	89	43
Mortgage Expense	23,322	23,457	(135)
Music Expense	8,998	8,745	253
Worship	1,178	722	456
Youth Expense	1,044	170	874
Total Expense	\$149,497	\$145,081	\$ 4,416
Net Ordinary Income	\$8,179	\$(25,789)	\$33,968

PASTOR'S WORD

Reaching out, beyond our comfort zones

ONE OF THE blessed aspects of ministry here at Berwyn UMC is our outreach program. Over the years of our existence, we have reached out to those in need locally in our community through food banks, volunteering in social and civic organizations, engaging in ministry with Interfaith Hospitality, Methodist Neighborhood Services and Mount Zion UMC. We have reached out nationally through the mission trips that have gone to the Appalachia region through ASP. We have been to West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and other parts.

Who of us would forget the involvement and the inspiration of Stafford and Viola Walker and our engagement with ASP through them? We have also been engaged in the work and ministry that Meredith Whitaker has done over the years in the Oklahoma Missionary Conference.

International outreach was evidenced with our support of Dr. Zimmerman in Nepal some years ago and now through Volunteers in Mission in Latin America. We have helped with construction, education and medical care. Except for the support of Dr. Zimmerman in Nepal, the outreach ministries of our church continue unabated. The generosity and love that we have for others prompt us to continue to reach out and bless others even when we are stretched and having less for ourselves.

Over the years, many have asked why do we do outreach to others when the need around us is so great. One of the challenging dimensions of Jesus' ministry was his outreach to the gentile neighbors around him. It was challenging for Jesus as he showed on several occasions how culturally biased he was and how he was the product of his own society (like calling a Syro-Phoenician woman a dog when she asked him to heal her daughter). The beauty and marvel is that he was willing to go beyond his borders and his comfort zone to touch the lives of others and to make a real difference in the world. Jesus was conscious that he could never do too much.

In the parting word he offered his disciples at Ascension time, he charged them to go "and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus wanted his disciples to have a world view of what they were called to do, not just a localized view. He wanted them to go beyond their comfort zones and reach all peoples with his love and grace. We continue to do this when we reach out to others nationally and internationally. It is healthy for us as a church to have a balanced approach to outreach. If we were concentrating on only one aspect of outreach, then our mission would be unbalanced. It is exciting and challenging for us to follow in the footsteps of our Lord by going beyond our borders and comfort zones to minister to others in his name. As the body of Christ we have encouraged service (outreach) in the past, and I am confident that this encouragement will be a part of our DNA for as long as this church exists and as long as the Lord tarries.

Our mission statement is our blueprint and mandate from the Lord as to what is expected of us. The statement is expressed thus: "God calls Berwyn UMC to be a community of Christian believers that: Invites, Nurtures and Encourages Service." Let us say, as the boy Jesus said, "I must be about my Father's business" (Luke 2:49), and to continue to reach out to others locally, nationally and internationally.

Blessings!

Pastor Phil

SUMMER EVENTS

Come let us worship and celebrate together

Summertime is here, and there are still lots of things going on Berwyn United Methodist Church. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar so you won't miss out.

Sunday, June 6, will be Lay Participant/Acolyte Day. If you have volunteered over the past year to be acolytes, ushers, greeters, liturgists, choir, Friday Helpers or flower arrangers or deliverers, or if you participated in the Hanging of the Greens, Harvest Food Drive, and Advent and Lenten readings, then please plan to attend. We are going to recognize all of these faithful and dedicated volunteers at the 10:30 service. Sue Denisevich will be honoring her acolytes, and the Choir will have a special presentation as well.

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 13. Calling all graduates and parents of graduates – we want to celebrate your academic achievement and give you a graduation gift at the 10:30 service.

We will honor all the fathers in our congregation on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. Each dad will get a sweet treat, and we are asking each of our dads to wear his most festive tie. Just as we honored the prettiest hat on Mother's Day, we would like to honor the best tie. So come wearing that tie you are saving for a special occasion, and you just may win a special prize.

The Appalachia Service Project team will be commissioned on Sunday, June 27, at the 10:30 service. Berwyn United Methodist Church is sending 10 youth and four adult leaders to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families

Our Church Picnic will be held after the 10:30 service on Sunday, July 11. Please join us and bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share with everyone. Our main dish will be hot dogs, provided by the Worship Committee. The signup for the picnic will be in the narthex. Besides the good food and friends, there will be some games for young and old alike.

Kristine Adams

Guest speakers on three Sundays in July

On the Sundays of July 11, 18 and 25, guest speakers will grace our pulpit at both services.

On July 11, Veronica and John Mosley will speak. Many of us will know Veronica, as she works side by side with us in the church office. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to meet her husband, John, this would be a great time to do so – and to make him feel as welcome as Veronica feels on a daily basis.

On July 18, Dr. Mary White will speak. Dr. White is the director of Methodist Neighborhood Services in Philadelphia. This is the organization to which we offer the "Feeding the 5000" bags of food. Dr. White also is the Conference Lay Leader.

On July 25, Jim Tiede will speak. Jim has a great love for Christ and the church. His messages have blessed us in the past, and there is confidence that he will be a source of blessing again from the Lord as he speaks on July 25.

Your attendance, love support, and encouragement would be most appreciated.

Pastor Phil

Donate your paperback books for the troops' enjoyment

As his Eagle Scout project, Jacob Nemetz is collecting paperback books to send to our troops abroad through a program called Operation Paperback. He needs your help. Please bring used paperback books in good condition to the church; please, no books on politics or religion. Jacob plans to send 200 boxes of books to 200 troops, each with a personal greeting. Monetary donations to offset mailing costs of \$4 a box also are invited. Jacob thanks you for your support.

Going to Tennessee

The 14 volunteers from Berwyn United Methodist Church will be in Trade (Johnson County), Tenn., on July 2-11 helping to repair homes for needy families.



The Leaders



Mike Benton



Scott Campbell



Melissa Cimino



Katie Pitz

The Youth Team



Amanda



Brittany



Karis



Cason



Taylor



Fredy



Maura



Daniel



Drew



Asa

SARAH N. POLASKY

BUMC's new Children's Coordinator



Dear BUMC family members,

I fully believe in the proverb “it takes a village to raise a child,” and I believe that, as a congregation, it is part of our mission to help raise our youngest members to be responsible citizens of our church, community, and world, through God’s word. Whether you are a grandparent, parent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, cousin, or friend, you all have individual gifts that you can share to help achieve this goal.

Many of you have heard the good news, that I have been hired as Children’s Coordinator. As a member of BUMC for the past 13 years, I have seen how well our children’s program can work, and how we can improve some aspects to make it even more successful. I hope that with your enthusiastic help and gifts, and our collective ideas, we can make our children’s program prosper into something great.

While we take this journey together, I welcome your ideas and thoughts, your prayers, and your support. If you have a gift you would like to share with our children, something as simple as sharing or reading a story, spending a little bit of your time, or helping with a snack, please feel open to share that with me. We all have something to contribute, and our children reap the benefits of our efforts.

I look forward to hearing from all of you as we move ahead into the summer with my first big event, Vacation Bible School, and the fall, when we will resume Sunday School.

In His service,

Sarah N. Polasky

In 1997, Sarah Polasky moved to Wayne with her parents, Jan and Paul Polasky, and her older brother, Evan. She attended Valley Forge Middle School and Conestoga High School and quickly became involved in the school choirs and marching band. Sarah was also an active member of the BUMC Sunday School and youth group, Liturgical Dance Group, and the Christian Council of Youth Ministries. She enjoyed attending Youth Annual Conference every spring.

After high school, Sarah attended Shippensburg University and graduated in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education, with a focus in early childhood education. Sarah taught kindergarten in Arizona for a year before becoming engaged to Mac Baker and moving back to Pennsylvania to be closer to her fiancé.

Sarah currently works for Tredyffrin/Easttown Middle School as a reading paraprofessional, teaching phonics and reading to English Language Learners.

Keep up with your BUMC friends on Facebook

You can keep up with what's happening with church and many of your church friends by signing up for Facebook and joining the Berwyn United Methodist Church Facebook group.

More than 50 people who have joined BUMC's Facebook group. Use your Facebook account to get instant notification of announcements and discussion. Post your own church announcements, start a discussion or comment on other announcements, and discussions. You can also connect as friends with your follow church members, post your personal hobbies and activities, and see who else has similar interests.

Start by clicking on the Facebook icon on the BUMC Web page: www.berwynumc.org.

If you don't already have a Facebook account, complete the form.

Then browse the members of the Berwyn Facebook Group for those you know and get to know those that you don't. Click "Add as a Friend" to see their complete profiles. Click on "Home" for a current news feed from your Facebook friends.

Mike Benton

Lay Leader's Letter: Pray for a full measure

There must be something special about Nine. We say "The Whole Nine Yards," meaning a full measure. We refer to "Cloud Nine," a state of blissful happiness. There's "Dressed to the Nines," or just "To the Nines," indicating perfection, or the highest standard. Yes, there's something special about Nine. It always seems to indicate the highest and best.

Some time ago I bought a bottle of spray cleaner called "Spray Nine, a Tough Task Cleaner." I guess the manufacturer was trying to capture this aura of perfection that comes with Nine.

But the friendly folks at Berwyn Hardware had slapped their price tag over the "S," so my bottle of Tough Task Cleaner reads **pray Nine**. It's been a good reminder, whenever I have faced a tough cleaning task. And it can be a good reminder in any tough situation: **pray Nine**.

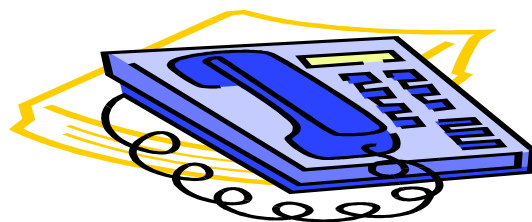
When you pray, **pray Nine**. Pray for a full measure. Pray for and expect perfection, the highest standard. Pray that you may receive a state of blissful happiness. Pray for the best, and you will not be disappointed.

John Paylor

The Lighted Cross

Next deadline: Aug. 15

The Lighted Cross is published monthly (except in July and August) to spread the good news about the activities of Berwyn United Methodist Church. Chairs and members of committees are invited to submit articles to inform the congregation about events and the work of the church. Individuals are invited to submit cards of thanks and brief items of interest about congregation members. Your submissions may have to be edited for length. The next issue will be published Sept. 1, and an electronic version will be available earlier on the church website. Submit your items to gene.foreman@verizon.net or use the mailbox in the office.



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AT BERWYN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JUNE 27-JULY 1
4:30-7:30 PM

It is our mission to team with families to help children grow in the confidence and understanding of the love of God.

At Hero Headquarters, kids will discover unnamed heroes who were not super or powerful, yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things. What they had was a willingness to be used by God right where they lived.

Here is a sneak peak at the themes and Bible stories we will be exploring this summer.

Sunday – Heroes do the unexpected. 2Kings 5:1-14.

Monday – Heroes take action. Luke 2:1-20.

Tuesday – Heroes step out in faith. Matthew 8:5-10, 13.

Wednesday – Heroes save the day. John 6:1-13.

Thursday – Heroes stand for truth. Acts 23 12-24.

A light supper is included.

To sign up, please fill out a registration form (on the next two pages) for each child you will be sending to VBS. Bring or mail the form to the church office, 140 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312, attention VBS. Don't forget to include the fee. You may also register online if you prefer, at www.berwynumc.org/vbs.

Please note that registration is required. Space is limited, so please register before the June 15 deadline.

We look forward to seeing you and your children this summer!

Questions? Please contact Nancy Atchison (610-644-2775), Janet Campbell (610-647-8291), or Sarah Polasky (610-247-7647), or email the church office at officebumc@comcast.net

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete both sides of form and submit with payment.

Student's Name _____ (age 4 through 5th grade only)

Birth Date _____ Entering Grade _____ (used to group pre-elementary school children)

Parent Name(s) _____

Student's Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ (used for program e-mail only)

Phone No. 1) _____ (circle) Cell Home Work

2) _____ (circle) Cell Home Work

3) _____ (circle) Cell Home Work

Who is authorized to pick up this child from VBS, other than the parents listed above?

I give permission for my child's pictures to be used in a VBS slideshow (for Berwyn UMC only). YES / NO (please circle one)

Can you help with VBS? YES / NO / MAYBE (please circle one)

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Registration Forms

Completed registration forms and fee should be delivered or mailed to the church office, 140 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312. Additional registration forms are available at www.berwynumc.org

Registration Fee

ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15: \$35 (maximum of \$70 for a family)

AFTER JUNE 15: \$45 (maximum of \$90 for a family)

Checks should be made payable to Berwyn U.M.C.

Please complete the reverse side!

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

1. Any allergies of medical concern? YES / NO (please circle one)

If yes, please detail allergies and extent of allergies below.

NOTE: If this student has any food allergies, you may be required to provide the daily meal. (Water will be provided.)

2. Please detail any other medical conditions, behavioral issues or special needs that we should be aware of. Include any medications this student is currently taking.

Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Work Number _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Release of Liability

I release Berwyn Methodist Church and its ministers, leaders and volunteers from any claim that my child or I may have against them as a result of injury or illness incurred during the course of participation in the activities. This release of liability shall include (without limitation) any claims of negligence or breach or warranty. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Berwyn Methodist Church and its minister, leaders and volunteers from any and all claims arising from my child's participation in these activities, or as a result of injury or illness of my child during such activities.

First Aid and Emergency Medical Treatment

I recognize that there may be occasions where the child named above may be in need of first aid or emergency medical treatment as a result of an accident, illness, or other health condition or injury. I do hereby give permission for agents of Berwyn United Methodist Church to seek and secure any needed medical attention or treatment for the child named above, including hospitalization, if in the agent's opinion such need arises. In doing so I agree to pay all fees and costs arising from this action to obtain medical treatment.

I give permission for attending physician(s) and other medical personnel to administer any needed medical treatment.

I represent that I am the parent/guardian of _____.

I give permission for the child named above to participate in the Vacation Bible School of Berwyn United Methodist Church. I hereby consent to the Release of Liability and Emergency Medical Treatment above, on behalf of the child and agree that this form shall be binding upon me.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____



Lydia Circle helps to educate Nicaraguan children

Since 2003, the Lydia Circle of United Methodist Women has been supporting the work of Building New Hope in Nicaragua, a project that was suggested by Susan Burriss. The circle's contribution of \$600 a year has supported the education of children like those shown above in their classroom.

Amy Dwyer recently received this message from Donna Tabor, project director of Building New Hope:

“Because we feel that so much hope for a better society rests on the shoulders of its children, we have focused on supporting education for those who would most likely ‘fall through the cracks’ without our help. Your funding makes it possible to staff two schools attended by a total of 150 children. We have also added a scholarship program for those promising students who graduate from our schools and choose to continue to high school.

“This is a critical time in the lives of young students who often do not continue with education after graduating from the elementary grades. The main reason is money: Either the child is expected to work by selling on the streets or collecting firewood, or the costs of school tuitions, uniforms and materials are far out of reach for poor families.

“Because of donors such as your women's group, we are able to help 27 students continue on to high school studies.

“I wanted all of you to know what an immense difference each of you are making in the lives of many young people here in Nicaragua. Thank you, from all of us.”

Meet these new members of our congregation

David and Kristine Adams are the co-chairs of the Worship Committee and deeply involved in other aspects of BUMC. They met while students at Shippensburg University and have been married since June 1997. Together they have two children, Laura, 18, who attends Alvernia University, and Isabel, 7. Dave and Kristine moved to Paoli in 2007, when Dave became director of information technology for Starr Restaurants in Philadelphia. Kristine has been a stay-at-home mom and family coordinator for the past seven years.

Dave is originally from Mohnton, Berks County. He was baptized and confirmed at Calvary United Methodist Church. While growing up, he was active in the church, an Eagle Scout, and involved in just about every music group at Governor Mifflin High School. His degree from Shippensburg is in criminal justice, with a minor in psychology. He enjoys working on his extensive model railroad, camping and photography, and singing in the church choir.

Kristine is originally from Collingdale and Newtown Square. She was baptized at Clearview United Methodist Church in Philadelphia and confirmed at Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church in Newtown Square. At Shippensburg she was heavily involved with Circle K, an affiliate of Kiwanis, and SUTV, the campus television station. Her degree is in communications/radio-television journalism, with a concentration in history. Kristine enjoys scrapbooking, collecting carousel horses, and being a Girl Scout leader and a storyteller for Vacation Bible Camp. She enjoys sharing her faith journey and getting involved in the various aspects of BUMC life.

Barbara Mekenney is retired after working from 1986 to 2008 as secretary at Paoli Hospital's intensive care and coronary care units. Previously she worked as a registered nurse. Her husband, William, who died in 2005, was a veterinarian at Tredyffrin Veterinary Hospital.

Barbara has a son, Keith Mekenney of Arizona; two daughters, Donna Dougherty of Glenside and Paula Renneisen of Media; and six grandchildren.

What's Going On at Berwyn United Methodist Church

United Methodist Women: Maria Circle and Lydia Circle will have a potluck luncheon at noon Sunday, June 6. We will plan for next year and hear about Assembly and School of Christian Mission.

ETC: Through June 6, the class will continue its study of *Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus* by Mike Slaughter.

Shared Bible Study: Through June 6, the class will continue its study of the Book of Hebrews.

Fall Festival: Remember that the date is Saturday, Oct. 9. Your talents and your "stuff" are needed by the event leaders, Janet and Jack Campbell and Kate and Brian Walker.

Correction: In the May issue of *The Lighted Cross*, the biographical sketch of one of the 12 confirmands was incorrect. **Meghan Dillon** is a sixth grader at Radnor Middle School. She enjoys sports, school and friends. She would like to become an actress.

Report from Ecumenical Advocacy Days in D.C.

I attended Ecumenical Advocacy Days in Washington on March 19-22. The theme was "A Place to Call Home: Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Peoples." I was there as a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference's Church and Society Committee.

We heard from Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the Southwest District of the United Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and Sister Helen Prejean. They all talked about the need for Christians to stand with immigrants. On Sunday, we attended a rally for immigration reform on the Mall. On Monday, 14 of us visited the staffs of Senators Specter and Casey.

Amy Dwyer

Good food, low prices ... are you interested?

Have you thought about buying more local foods? Well, it is easy with SHARE. During the months of May through November, SHARE partners with The Food Trust to provide families with wonderful fresh produce. The selection of fruits and vegetables varies depending on what is available during a particular part of the season, but everything is grown within 100 miles of Philadelphia.

SHARE is an acronym for Self Help And Resource Exchange. It is a nonprofit enterprise working to make food more affordable for individuals and families, while encouraging volunteer service. Through SHARE, people can receive discounted food packages for two hours of volunteer service plus the price of the package. The food packages contain frozen meats, fresh fruits and vegetables, and staple items. The prices of the packages vary between \$10 and \$20.

SHARE is open to everyone. There are *no* restrictions. *If you eat, you're in.*

To learn more, go to the SHARE website at www.sharefoodprogram.org.

So, how do you participate? At Berwyn UMC, contact Jan or Paul Polasky, 610-341-9151 or papolasky@yahoo.com, for more information. Basically, you place your order, put in two hours (or more) of volunteer service anywhere in your community, and pick up your food the third Saturday of each month at the church.

The types of service are many and widely varied, and volunteerism does not need to be institutional. If you help the old folks down the street get their groceries or mow their yard, that's community service. Many of our clients volunteer at BUMC by serving on committees and boards, working in capacities such as treasurer, or doing physical work in and around the church. There are endless opportunities to give back to your community – working with the Scouts, volunteering at Food Bank, Salvation Army or Goodwill, working within your neighborhood organizations. We don't ask for an accounting of your service, nor do we keep records.

SHARE itself welcomes volunteers, individually and in groups. The program runs mostly on volunteerism, having only eight paid staff to serve sites ranging from New York City through eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the eastern shore of Maryland.

Jan and Paul Polasky

Volunteer opportunities

Musicians: Do you play an instrument? Do you like to sing? The Worship Committee has been working this year on expanding our worship opportunities and is considering a third service that would be a blended/multi-sensory service. We would like to have a Praise Band for this service. If you are interested, please talk to any member of the Worship Committee or co-chairs David and Kristine Adams. You can call Dave and Kristine at 610-889-7520 or e-mail kristineadamspc@verizon.net.

Friday Volunteers: We need workers to help prepare the sanctuary for Sunday services. While the group is called the Friday Volunteers, the job can be done any day of the week when the church is open. Generally less than an hour is required. Bring a friend to help. Call Betsy Newman at 610-647-0643 if you are interested.

Flower Arrangers: Flowers for the Sunday services can't happen without volunteers. We need people to spend about an hour one Saturday a month to select flowers from local businesses and to arrange them in two vases provided by the church. Contact Sarah Polasky at 610-247-7647 or SayreNicole2004@yahoo.com.

Cookout on June 9 for international missions

There will be a cookout at the church at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, for those interested in participating in international mission projects in 2011. We will discuss the Discovery Service Project's Jamaica trip, a possible Volunteers In Mission (VIM) trip to Costa Rica, and others. So that we may have an approximate number of people for dinner, please e-mail Nancy Atchison if you plan to attend: nancy_atchison@verizon.net.

LENDING A HAND

Worship Assistants

June 6

Narthex Greeter: Jack Campbell

Greeter: Kristine Adams

Acolyte: Sarah West

Ushers: John Ku, Bob Borst,
Will and Carl Bushnell

Coffee Committee: Jamile Toro,

Claudia Gonzalez, Anne and Phil Poncé

Flower Arranger: Jan Polasky

Flower Delivery: Margi Mckenzie

June 13

Narthex Greeter: Jack Campbell

Acolyte: Katie Deflavia

Ushers: Jack Campbell, Jon Stockler,
Alice Nicholas

Flower Arranger: Claudia Sharpless

Flower Delivery: Barbara Borst

June 20

Narthex Greeter: Cynthia Bushnell

Greeters: The Williams Family

Ushers: Don Young, Scott Phelps,
Peh Ku, Zachary Phelps

Flower Arranger: Sarah Polasky

Flower Delivery: Cynthia Bushnell

June 27

Narthex Greeter: Marsha Williams

Ushers: Bob Fisk, Nagle Bridwell,
Judy Dunn, Margie O'Donnell

Flower Arranger: Kay Pierce

Flower Delivery: Margi Mckenzie

Thursday Helpers

June 3: Pat White

June 10: Sue Farina

June 17: Barbara Borst

June 24: Sue Farina

Card of Thanks

Dear members of BUMC,

I was very honored and more than slightly embarrassed to be honored by a contribution for the Good Friday Choir Service. It was my pleasure to be Missions chair, and it was always the generosity of this congregation that allowed us to accomplish everything that we did.

Sincerely,

Betsy Newman

FROM THE YOUTH COORDINATOR

At least one summer trip in the works for Anthem

It's hard to believe that I have been at BUMC for six months already. I feel as if I've just gotten started, and now summer is here. Youth meetings and activities at BUMC have come to an end for the season, but Anthem is planning on at least one summer trip. I'm still working on trip details but will be in touch with everyone soon.

On April 23, Anthem participated in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. The youth grew closer to Christ and closer to each other. And thanks to you, we raised a lot of money to help feed and care for hungry kids through World Vision.

I was in Nashville, Tenn., April 17-22 on production for my television show, RocHouse Cafe. My wife Rebecca was also shooting for her show, Control Track TV. Between the two of us, we interviewed more than 60 Christian music artists. We attended the Dove Awards at the famous Grand Ole Opry house and were right behind the main stage doing post-award interviews.

In the months since I've joined BUMC as youth coordinator, there have been some challenges and many blessings. My hopes for the future of our youth program are very high. I express my sincere gratitude for accepting me into the fold. Blessings.

Chris Padot

The Nursery School

I am looking forward to assuming the role of director of the nursery school in June.

Ann Bole will be missed by the staff and parents. She created a positive learning atmosphere, and I hope to continue her excellence in providing a preschool that meets the needs of the individual children in terms of social, emotional and intellectual development.

I have been a member of the staff for 16 years. My jobs have included teaching 2-Day, 3-Day and 5-Day classes. I have been assistant director seven years.

I am married with two sons. My sons attended Conestoga High School, and I am acquainted with many of the church members through my association at Conestoga. I am looking forward to this new stage in my career.

Janet Wham