



# The Taftsville Chapel Current

God calls us as followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a community of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to our world.

Jan Collins, Editor

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"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

*John 3:8*



**Peace.** A "hot button" word these days, in our world and in the church. We all long for it. We all pray for it. Yet it always seems beyond our grasp. Benjamin Franklin said, "There has never been a good war, or a bad peace." Martin Luther King contrasted two kinds of peace: "... a negative peace, which is the absence of tension, to a positive peace which is the presence of justice." It has also been said that peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of God.

But wait - our English word peace can refer to some things other than the opposite or absence of war. The word peace doesn't mean the same thing every time we say it. We can have peace of mind about decisions we have made. After a hectic day at work or school we look forward to coming home for a little peace and quiet. However we might all be willing to wait just a little longer before resting in peace beneath the tombstone above.

For Christians and Jews alike, peace is at the heart of God's covenant with his people. Peace has always been God's intention for this world.

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you." (Isaiah 54:10)

New Testament writers used peace as a virtual synonym for gospel. Several texts speak of "the gospel of peace", or "the good news of peace". Paul writes of Jesus: "For he himself is our peace...". In the Old Testament, Isaiah prophesied the gift of God's son and said "And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father..." and in the Hebrew: "Sar Shalom", the Prince of Peace.

Shalom is the Hebrew word that we translate peace. Shalom appears in the Old Testament about 250 times and is rich with meaning, far broader than our English word peace. It is not merely the absence of things like war, danger, worry or fear. Rather it is more the presence of things, like wholeness, prosperity, health, happiness and success. I was surprised to learn that when Israel enjoyed times of absence of fighting they didn't use the word shalom, but rather the word that we translate "rest." ("...and the Lord had given Israel rest from all their enemies" Jer 23:1)

So what has God been saying to his children about peace? What did Jesus mean when he said "Peace I give to you. [but] Not as the world gives." How is the peace of Jesus different? For a few weeks during Randy's sabbatical we are going to look together at God's shalom. \*(see p.3) What God has said - and what he has not said - about shalom. We'll consider what God is doing about shalom and what he might be calling us to do.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you SHALOM.*

Ted Shattuck, Leadership Team Member

Many thanks to the 23 members who attended this year's annual meeting at the church on July 12, 2006. The annual meeting is a time of reflection of the past year and to plan for the next year's business by voting approval of the church budget and slate. The meeting this year was highlighted by good mix of humor, varied participation and by serious yet agreeable discussion about church business. It is always reassuring to see and hear the commitment made during the meeting. A theme that is hopefully carried forward is all of us collectively coming out of our "comfort zones" to be good stewards not only in our financial giving but also in giving of our time and skills. Also evident is our gradual but significant shift of newer folks taking on roles historically held by others. That shift is evident in the slate listed below; thanks again for all who do and will continue to give in whatever ways they are able.

**2006 SLATE:**

Administrator – *Kerry Beck*  
Treasurer – *Toby Dietrich*  
Christian Ed. Director – *MaryBeth Beck*  
Head Usher – *Amena MacShea*  
Trustee – *Seth Shaw, Fred Schlabach, \_\_\_\_\_*  
Outreach Minister/MDS Rep. – *Ted Shattuck*  
Franconia Conf. Rep. – *Carrie Good*  
Bethany Birches Camp Rep. – *\_\_\_\_\_*  
Music Coordinator – *Omar Zook*  
Librarian – *Joan Alderfer*  
Calendar Keeper – *Jan Collins*  
Hospitality Committee – *Richard & Ruth Ann Glick*  
*Abner & Virginia Schlabach*  
*Kevin Cox*  
Member at Large – *Janet North*  
MMA Rep. – *Allen Guntz*

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**Do you know the way to San Jose? An Update for the Youth Group**

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**Are you up for a challenge?** I sure hope you are because starting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July; the Youth Group is challenging everyone else in the church to a Penny Challenge!

**"What in the World is a 'Penny Challenge'?"**

Well, let me tell you!

Both teams (the Youth and Everyone Else) will have their own jar. The goal is to put as many pennies in your jar and earn as many points as possible. Sounds easy enough, right? Well, there's a little twist. Every silver coin is negative the number of cents it is worth (Paper money works the same way as silver coins).

For example, if Richard Glick put 7 pennies in the Everyone Else jar, that team's score would be +7. But, then along comes Carol Whitney, a member of the Youth Team, and she puts a dime in the Everyone Else jar. That makes their score -3. So, put your pennies in your jar and all your other coins in the other teams jar. Let's see who has the highest score after 8 weeks of competition!

**"What team am I on?"**

Good question! The Youth Team is the Youth and their families, Carol Whitney, the Pejouhys, and the Becks. And the rest of you, everyone else, and therefore on the everyone Else team.

Every week the Youth will tally up the scores and then announce the new standings the next Sunday. We are open to suggestions for a new team name if you are unhappy with yours.

**"What happens if my team wins?"**

There's a PRIZE! It hasn't been finalized, but there are rumors circling that it might have to do with cleaning duties. Yes, you read that right, cleaning duties. Or, maybe you have a good idea for a prize, let the Youth Group know! And, even if your team doesn't win, just think, you had fun while giving the Youth Group your change! Is there anything better than that? I think not!

**The Penny Challenge is on!****Just a Few Numbers To Think About:**

I just wanted to let everyone know that the San Jose Convention website ([www.sanjose2007.org](http://www.sanjose2007.org)) is up and running. I did a little quick math and I think it is going to cost us about \$7,000! (My numbers add up \$6,871, so I rounded up!)

As far as I know there are 8 people going. Carol Whitney and Nancy Pejouhy as leaders and McKenzie Clifford, Emily Glick, Bailey Bontrager, Hunter Cox, Hudson Cox, and me as youth. This means we will need 3 rooms (one for the sponsors, one for the girls, and one for the boys). This will cost about \$1,335. (3 rooms @ \$89 each for 5 nights).

Meals are going to be \$167 per person, so \$1,336 for the group.

Registration for both the youth and the sponsors is \$175 per person. This means it will cost us \$1400.

Last, but not least... Plane Tickets! Since we cannot buy them yet, I am estimating around \$350 a piece. That means that it will cost roughly \$2,800 for us to fly there.

This total cost, roughly \$7,000, means that if we split the amount of money equally between every youth, it would be a \$1,166.67 each. We have a lot of fund raising left to do!

*Laura*

## Schedule for August

Each Sunday morning: 9:30 am – Worship Service  
 10:45 am – Coffee and Fellowship  
*The 11 o'clock Sunday School/Second Hour will resume in September*

August 5 7:00 am – Men's Breakfast / Dana's  
 13 10:30 am – Church held at Groton Campgrounds  
 25 Deadline for September issue of *The Taftsville Chapel Current*

### August Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Nancy Iott 20<sup>th</sup> Nancy Pejouhy  
 9<sup>th</sup> Joanna Beidler 22<sup>nd</sup> Noah Wilson  
 15<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Beidler

### August Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> Randy & Carie Good  
 12<sup>th</sup> Dale & Darlene Snader  
 17<sup>th</sup> Kerry & Mary Beck

### August Song Leaders

6<sup>th</sup> Omar Zook  
 13<sup>th</sup> Karen Cox  
 20<sup>th</sup> Janet North

### August Childcare Schedule

6<sup>th</sup> Mary Guntz  
 13<sup>th</sup> n/a – Groton Camp  
 20<sup>th</sup> Laura Beidler

### August Cleaning Schedule

6<sup>th</sup> North/Schlabach  
 13<sup>th</sup> Pejouhy  
 20<sup>th</sup> Pejouhy

### August Coffee Duty

6<sup>th</sup> Ken Glick  
 13<sup>th</sup> n/a – Groton Camp  
 20<sup>th</sup> Abner Schlabach

27<sup>th</sup> Virginia Schlabach 27<sup>th</sup> Emily Glick 27<sup>th</sup> Schlabach 27<sup>th</sup> Nancy Pejouhy

### Preaching Schedule for August through October 1st:

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Song Service / John Lutz  
 13<sup>th</sup> Church at Groton Camp Ground  
 Shalom Series / Ted Shattuck  
 20<sup>th</sup> Peace & God's Shalom  
 27<sup>th</sup> What has God said about Shalom?  
 Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> What has God not said about Shalom?  
 10<sup>th</sup> Shalom with God  
 17<sup>th</sup> Ekklesia  
 24<sup>th</sup> Shalom with our neighbor  
 Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Shalom with our enemy???

Taftsville Tally		
	Attendance	Offering
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	56	\$1,355.00
9 <sup>th</sup>	?	1,748.25
16 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany Birches Camp	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	33	1,410.00
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tally will be in Sept. Newsletter	

## Family of the Month

Each month we will feature a family/individual along with some of their favorite Bible verses/passages.  
 Richard Glick is the photographer and is collecting these photos to compile into a pictorial directory – coming in the future.



**Bob and Jan Collins**  
**Gabrielle Webber**

### Favorite Verses

#### Bob:

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians 2:8-10*

#### Jan:

Jesus answered, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." *John 10:27 & 28*

#### Gabrielle:

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. *Colossians 3:23*

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## Groton Worship Service, August 13

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The second weekend in August is our annual Taftsville Chapel Camp-out at Stillwater State Park at Groton. On August 13 there will be no worship service held at Taftsville Chapel. Everyone is invited to join the Taftsville campers for a worship service in the picturesque Vermont setting at the Pavilion at Owl's Head around 10:30 a.m. You will need to bring a picnic lunch for your family and are invited to join the Taftsville campers back at the campground for lunch. You will also need to pay a day fee for the state park. You may be interested in swimming or hiking in the afternoon.

**Directions:** Take I 91 North, Exit 17 (Wells River), then take Route 302 west (8-10 miles), then turn right on Route 232. Once you are on Route 232 you will travel another 8-10 miles. It may seem longer since the road is narrow, hilly and curvy. You will enter Groton State Forest and pass the entrance to Stillwater State Park. You will see signs for Owl's Head. A small parking lot for Owl's Head will be on the right. The Owl's Head Pavilion is very close to the parking lot. If the parking lot is full you may need to park along the side of the road.

See you there!

### **The Carenet Annual Fundraising Banquet**

will be on Thursday evening, September 14. Please speak to Nancy Pejouhy if you would like to attend. We are hoping to fill at least one table

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## Taftsville Tidbit Trivia

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### **35 Years Ago This Month**

*August 29, 1971*

A discussion was held concerning prayer meeting. The men want to continue meeting Sunday morning prior to church service.

### **30 Years Ago This Month**

*August 28, 1976*

Benefit Auction for Bethany Birches Camp held at the Woodstock Regional High School. Several persons in our fellowship have already notified the committee of items they wish to donate for the auction, but more items would be appreciated. John Lutz is our local contact person for any questions concerning this activity.

### **25 Years Ago This Month**

*August 9, 1981*

A programmable thermostat was mentioned as being a real convenience. It was suggested we actively look into the purchase of one.

### **(25 Years Ago cont.)**

*August 16, 1981*

Hartland Dam Outdoor Service, Karen Glick is in charge, with Jane Griffis as alternate.

### **20 Years Ago This Month**

*August 30, 1986*

Weekend in the Birches

### **10 Years Ago This Month**

*August 19, 1996*

After many meetings and discussions the Pastoral Search Committee unanimously recommended to the church council Randy Good for the position of pastor. There will be a 3-week evaluation period before discussion and vote by the congregation.

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*OR slip a note in my church mailbox*

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