



# 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

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## God Equips Us

When I was a young boy I walked the 2 miles to elementary school every day. (No, I'm not going to tell you that I did it in the blowing snow up to my knees, and no, it wasn't uphill both ways ☺.) Bread was 22 cents a loaf then. I remember it well, because I passed by the neighborhood grocery store along the way to school and often my mother would tell me to buy a loaf of bread on my way home. I snacked on a piece of fresh bread along the way and then always had fun telling my mother that "the mice got into it". When I was told to bring the bread home I never worried about where the 22 cents would come from. The thought never occurred to me, because my mother always faithfully provided it before I left for school. I just enjoyed the blessing of fresh bread on the walk home.

In Exodus 25 God spoke to Moses and said "Have them make a sanctuary for me and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all it's furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you." Then God proceeded to specify in excruciating detail all the furnishings of the tabernacle and how they were to be made. There were to be tables of acacia wood overlaid with gold with gold molding and a rim of gold. There were lamp stands to be hammered of pure gold with cups "shaped like almond flowers" with buds and blossoms and branches. The focal point of the tabernacle was the ark of the covenant, which would hold the stone tablets with the ten commandments. Its cover - the "mercy seat" was to be made of pure gold. "Make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover...make the cherubim of one piece with the cover at the two ends." And so it went: lamps, curtains, altars, and the priestly garments. What a daunting task for unskilled field-hands and brick makers traveling in the desert. How would the Israelites ever accomplish such a thing? I wonder - if they wondered.

But only after this massive project was ordered, in Exodus 31 do we read "...the Lord said to Moses, 'see, I have chosen Bezalel...and I have filled him with the spirit of God, with skill and ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts - to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship. Moreover I have appointed Oholiab to help him. Also I have given skill to all the craftsmen to make everything I have commanded you..."

"By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family." Faith, the writer says is being certain of what we do not see.

In our "second hour" on September 24<sup>th</sup> we wondered together what it must have felt like for Noah to be told to build an ark. (Maybe he said, "what's an ark? What's a flood?") Imagine for a moment what must have gone through Noah's mind: "You want me to do what??" We wondered what his neighbors were saying. But God showed Noah what to do, he enabled him, and he blessed Noah's faithfulness. Noah trusted God to provide what was needed.

The Lord never calls us without empowering us and providing helpers when we need them. He never assigns us a task without equipping us. I never doubted that my mother would be there with the 22 cents. How I wish I could trust the Lord like that. What impossible task has he called you to do?

"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13: 20-21)

Shalom, Ted Shattuck

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## Welcome Back Randy and Carie!

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*The 4 1/2 months that Randy and Carie have been on sabbatical are swiftly coming to an end and we look forward to their return to our fellowship the last Sunday of October at our Song Service.*

Randy and Carie, we missed you. We pray that it was a very rewarding time of renewal for you. We are anxious to hear about your adventures and spiritual renewal. During your sabbatical we worshiped, prayed, laughed, cried, and worked together. And we grew in our faith. We had good fellowship and were blessed by each other's gifts and talents. The past four months was a good time for us as a congregation, but we are ready for your return. We are ready for your "pastoring". **Welcome back to your Taftsville Chapel family, Randy and Carie.**

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## Kudos

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- **To Marie Hackman for volunteering to be the Taftsville Chapel Calendar Keeper.**
- **For all those who participated in every aspect of our worship during Randy's absence:**

- **For all those covering in leadership roles during Randy's absence:**

*Leadership Team:*

Ted & Elinor  
Omar & Janice

*Administrator:*

Kerry Beck

*Pastoral Care:*

Dave & Carmeleta  
Denis & Marie

*Worship/Teaching/Preaching/Special Music:*

Ted Shattuck  
Dennis Hackman  
Abner Schlabach  
Russell Pejouhy  
Laura Beidler & the youth  
Seth & Jenny Shaw  
John Lutz

*All those who led worship*

*All those leading singing*

*All those having children's moment*

*All those doing childcare*

*All those making coffee*

*All those who prayed, encouraged, supported*

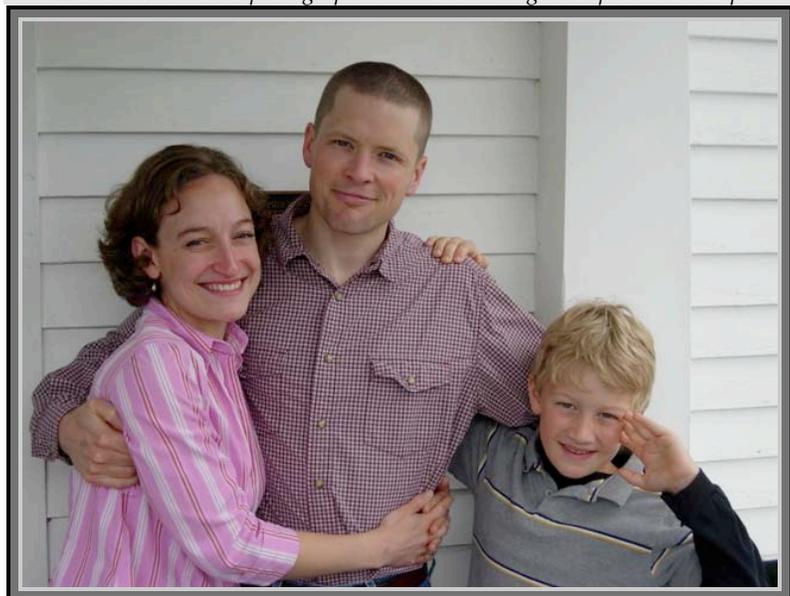
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## Family of the Month

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*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.*



**Toby & Rebekah Deitrich  
Noah Wilson**

### Favorite Verses

**Toby:**

*"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:20*

**Rebekah:**

*"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:5-6*

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## Letter from the Father

After our recent second hour lesson on creation, Vera Fogg was prompted to share the following "letter".  
The person who compiled this writing is not known.

### My Child...

You may not know me, but I know everything about you  
*Psalm 139:1*

I know when you sit down and when you rise up  
*Psalm 139:2*

I am familiar with all your ways *Psalm 139:3*

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered  
*Matthew 10:29*

For you were made in my image *Genesis 1:27*

In me you live and move and have your being *Acts 17:28*

For you are my offspring *Acts 17:28*

I knew you even before you were conceived  
*Jeremiah 1:4-5*

I chose you when I planned creation *Ephesians 1:11-12*

You were not a mistake *Psalm 139:15-16*

For all your days are written in my book *Psalm 139:15-16*

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you  
would live *Acts 17:26*

You are fearfully and wonderfully made *Psalm 139:14*

I knit you together in your mother's womb *Psalm 139:13*

And brought you forth on the day you were born  
*Psalm 71:6*

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know  
me *John 8:41-44*

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete  
expression of love *John 4:16*

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you *I John 3:1*

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father  
*I John 3:1*

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could  
*Matthew 7:11*

For I am the perfect Father *Matthew 5:48*

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand  
*James 1:17*

For I am your provider and I meet all your needs  
*Matthew 6:31-33*

My plan for your future has always been filled with  
hope *Jeremiah 29:11*

Because I love you with an everlasting love *Jeremiah 31:3*

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on  
the seashore *Psalm 139:17-18*

And I rejoice over you with singing *Zephaniah 3:17*

I will never stop doing good to you *Jeremiah 32:40*

For you are my treasured possession *Exodus 19:5*

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my  
soul *Jeremiah 32:41*

And I want to show you great and marvelous things  
*Jeremiah 33:3*

If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me  
*Deuteronomy 4:29*

Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your  
heart *Psalm 37:4*

For it is I who gave you those desires *Philippians 2:13*

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly  
imagine *Ephesians 3:20*

For I am your greatest encourager  
*II Thessalonians 2:16-17*

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your  
troubles *II Corinthians 1:3-4*

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you  
*Psalm 34:18*

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to  
my heart *Isaiah 40:11*

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes  
*Revelation 21:3-4*

And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this  
earth *Revelation 21:4*

I am your Father and I love you even as I love my son,  
Jesus *John 17:23*

For in Jesus my love for you is revealed *John 17:26*

He is the exact representation of my being *Hebrews 1:3*

And He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not  
against you *Romans 8:31*

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins  
*II Corinthians 5:18-19*

Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled  
*II Corinthians 5:18-19*

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for  
you *I John 4:10*

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love  
*Romans 8:32*

If you receive the gift of my son, Jesus, you receive me  
*I John 2:23*

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again  
*Romans 8:38-39*

Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has  
ever seen *Luke 15:7*

I have always been Father and will always be Father  
*Ephesians 3:14-15*

My question is...Will you be my child? *John 1:12-13*

I am waiting for you. *Luke 15:11-32*

**Love, Your Dad  
Almighty God**

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## Annual Bethany Birches Camp Auction

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Hello friends! I write to you with a happy heart. We met on Saturday at Quechee Gorge Village and more than 100 folks showed their faces... and their bidder number. Thanks to many of you donating and soliciting items to be sold and/or purchasing those items we raised \$15,008.40! Our auctioneer and friend Sandy Alderfer said he noticed "spark." He explained it as that energy that is present when people come together in the name of something good that they are collectively excited about. And what better to get excited about as a community than supporting a place that strives to bring youth together to have fun and nurture them in their social, emotional and spiritual journeys?! Thank you again for all your support and efforts in this collective project known as Bethany Birches Camp. *Brandon Bergey*



Fred & Abner give out bid numbers



Auctioneer,  
Sandy  
Alderfer  
with display  
helpers, Ben  
& Dave  
Beidler

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## Bits n Pieces

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### Final Report on Youth Group Penny Challenge

I have a news updates, but first I would like to thank everyone for all the change they dumped into the penny challenge jars! We raised \$414.88 for the Youth Group's trip to San Jose!

And....The Youth Team WON! (Thank you Gabby for your \$16. 48 in pennies!) But, two people are going to get relieved of their cleaning duty. We will have a drawing Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, to figure out who those lucky people are.

Thanks Again!

*Laura Beidler, Captain of the Youth Team*

### Address Change: Nancy Iott

2204 St. James Place, Apt. 2A  
Philadelphia PA 19103

**Nancy emailed:** "The city is great so far....friendly, fun, and it opens up new possibilities for me plus I'm still near the kids. 'Course my heart has a permanent residence in Vermont, you know. Enjoyed every morsel of the last newsletter - almost as much as Ben Beidler enjoyed his s'more."

### Prayer Ministry

A Reminder . . . With the resumption of our fall schedule, a small group meets for prayer during the second hour following the fellowship/coffee time.

Anyone is welcome to join in this prayer ministry. The prayer group meets in the small room adjoining the sanctuary. If you have a prayer request that you would rather not share with the entire congregation, you can share it with Janice Zook, Ruthann Glick or Mary Fullerton or write it on a slip of paper and leave it in the prayer room. During the second hour we ask that you would respect the use of this room as a prayer room and if you need to enter or exit the sanctuary, please use the door in the foyer.



**How BIG is that Shoo fly Pie! Get a Piece of that!!**  
The generous bidder/buyer of this pie shared it with all who were at the auction.

## Schedule for October

Each Sunday morning: 9:30 am - Worship Service  
 10:45 am - Coffee and Fellowship  
 11:00 am - Second Hour / Sunday School

- October 7 7:00 am - Men's Breakfast / Dana's  
 11 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting / Church  
 13 6:00 pm - Young Adult Potluck / location TBA  
 14 7:30 am - Women's Breakfast / Dana's  
 18 7:00 pm - Candlelighters' Meeting / Ruth Ann Glick's  
 21 Fall Fun Day (Clean-up) / Bethany Birches Camp  
 23 Deadline for November issue of *The Taftsville Chapel Current*  
 29 9:30 am - Song Service

We will be planning  
 Candlelighters' projects.  
 Come with ideas.

*Birthday Song for September and October*

### October Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> Sheldon Esch 28<sup>th</sup> Calvin McCrory  
 15<sup>th</sup> Brian Alderfer 28<sup>th</sup> Burton Eisenberg  
 16<sup>th</sup> Regina Beidler 30<sup>th</sup> Janice Zook  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Denis Hackman 31<sup>st</sup> Brent Beidler

Taftsville Tally	
Attendance	Offering
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> ----- 63 -----	\$2,715.00
10 <sup>th</sup> ----- 60 -----	1,388.00
17 <sup>th</sup> ----- 38 -----	2,231.00
24 <sup>th</sup> ----- 59 -----	862.00

### October Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Richard & Ruth Ann Glick 7<sup>th</sup> Seth & Jenny Shaw  
 4<sup>th</sup> Jake & Amena MacShea Reess 14<sup>th</sup> Mike & Judy McCrory

### October Song Leaders

1<sup>st</sup> Rebekah Deitrich  
 8<sup>th</sup> Rebekah Deitrich  
 15<sup>th</sup> Janet North  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Janice Zook  
 29<sup>th</sup> Omara Zook

### October Childcare Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Mary Guntz  
 8<sup>th</sup> Laura Beidler  
 15<sup>th</sup> Carmeleta Beidler  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Emily Glick  
 29<sup>th</sup> Carmeleta Beidler

### October Cleaning Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Shaw  
 8<sup>th</sup> Fullerton  
 15<sup>th</sup> Snader  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Zook  
 29<sup>th</sup> Zook

### October Coffee Duty

1<sup>st</sup> Marie Hackman  
 8<sup>th</sup> Ken Glick  
 15<sup>th</sup> Richard and  
 Ruth Ann Glick  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Mary Guntz  
 29<sup>th</sup> Joan Alderfer

## New Books in the Library

**With out the Loss of One** – Bender  
 bio of Nevin and Esther Bender

**We Sat Where They Sat**  
*A Little Bit of Love*  
 bio of Ada and Ida Stoltzfus

**The Preacher's Daughter**  
**The Englisher**  
**The Brethren** – Beverly Lewis

**A Clearing in the Wild**  
 – Jane Kirkpatrick

**Is it Insensitive to Share Your Faith?**  
 – James Kraybill

**Getting in the Way**  
 Stories from Christian Peacemaker Teams

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## Taftsville Tidbit Trivia

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### 40 Years Ago This Month

October 16, 1966

Regina Anne Lutz is born to her parents,  
John and Ruth Lutz

### 35 Years Ago This Month

October 24, 1971

A Song service and quiz game will be  
starting at 6:30 p.m. at Taftsville.

### 30 Years Ago This Month

October 3, 1976

A special baptism service for new believers  
and persons who wish to recommit their  
lives to Christ will be held during the  
Sunday morning service.

October 5, 1976

The council encourages everyone to look at  
two plots of land to consider for a school,  
one at the top of Neal Road and the other in  
West Taftsville.

### 25 Years Ago This Month

October 22, 1981

Candlelighters held a craft night at church.  
Eighteen women attended. Beth Sargent  
showed several crocheted pins, Karla  
demonstrated a macramé Christmas  
ornament, Joan and Mindy explained and  
demonstrated counted cross-stitch. After the  
demonstrations Mary organized  
refreshments of donuts and cider.

### 15 Years Ago This Month

October 14, 1991

A poster has been made to keep people  
updated on the hymnal replacement fund.  
A reminder will be put in the mailboxes.

Also, Marty encouraged us to continue to  
think about, and to become part of a small  
group in the next few weeks.

### 10 Years Ago This Month

October 23, 1996

There is conversation about making a  
contribution of fabric to the Dorcas Project  
in Indonesia mentioned by Kinari Webb.  
Regina will talk to Kinari about ways of  
doing this.

### 5 Years Ago This Month

October 1, 2001

This is the last year for Ten Thousand  
villages sale event.

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Send your contributions for

"The Taftsville Chapel Current" to:

*Janice.g.collins@valley.net*

OR 802-295-5123

OR slip a note in my church mailbox

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**Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship**

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