



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.

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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

Introducing New Beginnings Community Church

On Labor Day Weekend, September 1 and 2, we will be welcoming Pastor Jon Moore and members of the congregation at New Beginnings Community Church, of Bristol, PA, to fellowship and worship with us. We look forward to getting to know these brothers and sisters in Christ, who live, and work, and minister in a community that is very different from our own. Our common bond as ministers of the gospel provide a foundation that, I hope, will grow into an on-going sister-church relationship, as we learn from, and learn how to bless, one another.

While Jon was visiting with us this summer, I was able to have a long conversation with him about his ministry and community. I would like to share with you what I learned about Jon and New Beginnings Community Church. The church building in Bristol is in a low-income neighborhood of Philadelphia, part of the Bucks County Housing Project known as Terrace One and the Venice-Ashby area. The neighborhood is predominately black, with both single parent families and family units. There is much co-habiting and common-law marriage, including some mixed marriages. Most of the neighbors live on government subsidies, and the local high school does a poor job of preparing its students for college. Only about 84% of students graduate, and less than a quarter of those graduates go on to college. There are no community activities for the young people, and although there are seven churches in the wider community, the churches don't share a common vision of ministry, and don't work in unity.

Jon was ordained at New Beginnings this past May, although he has been involved in various forms of ministry with this congregation, off and on, since 1986, when the church, an outreach from Franconia Conference, was known as Bristol Mennonite Church. Currently New Beginnings has about 25 members, ages 11-81. They are mostly women, and are like family to one another. Some travel from other towns and communities, and others come to the Wednesday night Bible Studies. Jon's vision for his congregation is as a ministry to the community. He sees New Beginnings as a "new city" in the midst of the urban community (Isaiah 43:18-19), where God can do a "new thing" in the lives of the people, and where the children of the neighborhood can find a place to play, eat, learn and rest. He sees his role in the community not only as a Pastor, but also as a Father, providing a place of safety and trust. "The children want the attention," Jon observes, "they want love. They want someone to guide and direct them."

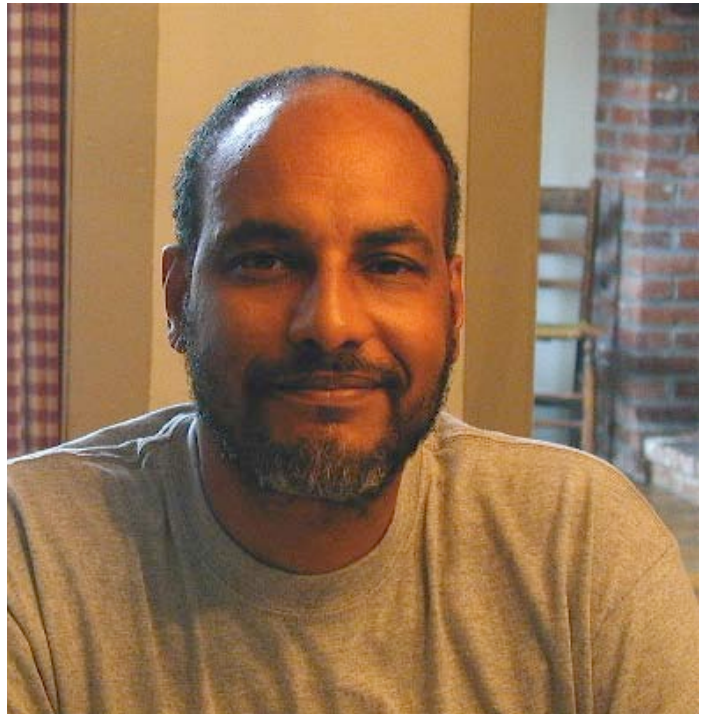
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Jon's dream also includes the development, someday, of a Community Recreational and Learning Facility. "When Jesus met with people," Jon says, "He didn't only preach, but He fed them and taught them how to live. People live flippant lives today - that's what we see all around us. We want the community to be able to see another way to live than what they see on the streets." To carry out his mission statement, "Building spiritual, academic hearts and minds together", Jon has reached out for help. And God has touched different people at different times to be of help and support to the ministry. He has turned part of the church building into a community library. Habitat for Humanity provided books that now cover three big walls. There are 4 computers, available for use by the community. Jon is available, too, to help the neighborhood children, and adults, with their reading skills. He recently hosted a seminar on Financial Matters. He invites the community children of all ages for a "sleep-over", where they bring their blankets and pillows, play games, tell stories, and eat pizza at midnight. In the morning, Jon and his daughter, Felicia, cook breakfast for everyone.

So far, Jon says, God has provided for the needs of the building, such as a nursery, and a new roof. Habitat helped with the remodeling of the sanctuary; and they now have the exterior painted and the grounds manicured, with blooming plants. This spring, a storm destroyed the basement, and with extensive repairs, the church now has a new kitchen that enables them to do more with food ministry.

When asked what he is currently praying for concerning the ministry at New Beginnings, Jon mentioned three things. He is praying for the necessary pieces to fall together to fulfill his vision for a place where the neighborhood children can come to learn and grow. He is praying that God would bring folks to co-labor with him, to share a like heart for this ministry. And he is praying for a Sunday School teacher for the children on Sunday mornings.

Jon's heart for his ministry at New Beginnings is dedicated, and emerges from his faith. He recalls this personal scripture verse, one he memorized as a 10 year old at Vacation Bible School: "Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." (Ephesians 6:10) Jon's trusting faith is evident in his passion for his ministry and his love for his community. We are looking forward to getting to know Jon and New Beginnings Community Church.



Pastor Jon Moore

~Randy Good

Annual Meeting

Our Annual meeting took place on Sunday, July 1 during the Second Hour, after our church service, followed by a potluck meal.

The 2007-2008 Slate was discussed and affirmed, listed below.

Appreciation and thanks was offered Toby Deitrich for his two years serving as Treasurer. The '08 Budget was approved after a discussion designating \$2900 to the Health and Harmony project in Indonesia.

**see p. 10*

After a discussion regarding the most efficient way to move forward with production of the newsletter, it was moved to form a committee or staff to produce the newsletter versus only one person.

Editor's Note: The Newsletter Staff that has volunteered to help me with the newsletter is Carie Good, Janet North and Virginia Schlabach. Many thanks and appreciation to these three for offering their services.

Taftsville Chapel has purchased a license allowing us to photocopy songs included on a list for the licensing entity. Music Folders are being worked on to keep hard copies of music for use in our services.

Randy's pastoral comments at our meeting described "Taftsville as doing very well and also in a vulnerable position in that, similar to Biblical times, sometimes when a people were at peace they would drift or lose sight of their first love: God; Taftsville is not at all close to this position but it does not make us immune and we need to continue to work hard to move forward in such a positive way."

Annual Slate of Volunteers - 2007-2008

**Those with asterisk are Church Council Members*

*Administrator (2 yr)	David Beidler
*Treasurer (2 yr)	Amena MacShea
*Christian Education (2 yr)	Virginia Schlabach
Usher (1 yr)	Janet North
*Trustee (1 yr)	Fred Schlabach
Trustee (2 yr)	Richard Glick
Trustee (3 yr)	Dale Snader
Music Coordinator (1 yr)	Omar Zook
Librarian (1 yr)	Monica Esch
Calendar Keeper (1 yr)	Karyn Belknap
Hospitality Team (1 yr)	Abner & Virginia Schlabach Karen Cox, Mary Fullerton
*Outreach / MDS (1 yr)	Ted Shattuck
Franconia Conf Rep (1 yr)	Carie Good
BBC Rep	Kevin Cox
MMA Rep (3 yr)	Allen Guntz
*Member-at-large (1 yr)	Ken Glick

Household of the Month for September

Each month we will feature a family/person along with some of their favorite Bible verses/passages or stories.

Richard Glick is the photographer and is collecting these photos to compile into a pictorial directory – coming in the future.

Mark's favorite verses (chapter) are Psalm 91:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.



If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Karyn's favorite verses. A brief preface...Mark and I had the privilege of being shepherds to a small flock of sheep. They were our beloved pets and our friends. Caring for them and knowing them as individuals with different personalities and different strengths and weaknesses had a profound effect on us both. Anyone could walk by the sheep field and see a wad of sheep huddled together and nothing more. But we KNEW them. We could tell you that Merry would always be the first one to boldly come investigate a visitor, and that her ram lamb, Blizzard would always be shyly in the back of the flock along with Rammie and Phoria. Sparky and Bunky would be on Merry's heels, and if the visitor proved to be friendly they would allow themselves to be petted. Wendy and Lambie would charge in if you happened to have Doritos, but would hang back otherwise. Shackle and Puddle would also be in the back - their personalities would only be revealed when they knew who you were.

But let their own shepherds come in the field and there would be a rush of 10 sheep to be the first one in for hugs and that perfect scratch in the center of their chest that they all loved so much. Even at night - we could tell them apart by their baa's and the touch of their wool, and they knew us immediately by our voices. The memories of their trust in us and their adoration for us, bring tears even today. I spent countless hours on a little stool in the middle of the field surrounded by my hooved friends, thinking about the parallels that God talks about regarding us and sheep and Him and a good shepherd. The tenderness that God, as our shepherd, must have for us is staggering. So, my favorite verses all have to do with sheep, but the one verse that sums up all of my thoughts is **Psalm 100:3** - "Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." (And since that is true it leads me, as a believing sheep, to verses **4 and 5**) "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Summer High-lights

San Jose 2007 – Youth Mennonite Convention Trip

Our San Jose adventure began at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 1, as we formed a prayer circle in the Cox's driveway, then jumped into the SUV and headed to Logan Airport with Kevin as our "limo" driver. The flight to San Jose was perfect--as we flew over the Grand Canyon we wondered what would happen if everyone on the left side of the plane jumped up to look out the right side windows at the same time. But we jumped up anyway –it was spectacular. The conference organizers were incredible – we had no problem finding our shuttle to the hotel – people with San Jose 2007 t-shirts were everywhere. There were no events scheduled the first evening so we wandered around San Jose seeking dinner and stopped at a Thai restaurant. This was a "first" for at least two members of our group. The convention began the next day with a 2-hour worship service and speakers. Joining together in praise with 4000 youth from all over the country is a truly awesome experience! For the next three days we spent two hours each morning in worship, small group time, lunch, seminars (excellent offerings), dinner, and two more hours of worship. Talk about mountaintop experiences – this was like Mount Everest! On Saturday we rented a mini-van and spent three more days in California, visiting San Francisco, Big Basin Redwoods State Park, and Monterey. Our loyal "limo" driver met us at Logan at 10:00 p.m. on July 10 and ferried an exhausted group safely back to Vermont. Allison, Emily, Hudson, Laura, Carol and Nancy appreciate all the help we received from our Taftsville Chapel family to make this experience possible. We will be sharing pictures and more in church sometime soon.

~Nancy Pejouhy

Report on Groton Camping—2007

(If you didn't go this year, you might want to after reading this!)

- Sand castle
- Relaxation ??
- Fellowship with our "neighbors"
- Church in owls head pavilion
- Dogs – most of us had one (or two)
- Cox family added to our camping group
- Drinking water from a nearby campground
- S'mores
- Waterfront sites
- Fun in the water
- Sound of loons and coyotes
- Canoes, kayaks, and rubber raft
- Great food and fellowship at potluck

~Ruth Ann Glick

Russell in Washington, D.C.

While Nancy was traveling to Denver, and San Jose, I returned to Washington, DC, for a five-week volunteer stint at the International Guest House in Northwest DC this summer. This is the guesthouse where Nancy and I was the host couple from August of 2002 to July of 2003. I worked mostly in the kitchen preparing muffins and scones for breakfast and making lunch for the staff. When not working I was able to visit my favorite museums and activities on the National Mall. I witnessed the fireworks display from Lafayette Park, just north of the White House, listened to the National Symphony Orchestra at the Carter Barron Center, attended a few free events at the Kennedy Center, and browsed through the Folk Life Festival on the National Mall.

The International Guest House is a ministry of the Allegheny Mennonite Conference. It celebrates its 40th anniversary on September 8. The house provides a home atmosphere for travelers from around the world and the U.S. It is staffed by volunteers who live in the house. Opportunities to volunteer vary from one or two weeks to a year or more. For me, the best time at the house is at 9:00 PM teatime. Guests and staff gather in the living room and enjoy tea and cookies after a busy day in the city. People share parts of their lives with each other. Many of the guests are tourists while some are in DC looking for housing, or conducting research, attending seminars, or political events. The IGH has a new web site, http://mysite.verizon.net/igh_dc Check it out for more information.

~Russell Pejouhy

Summer Happenings (cont.)

Mennonite Church in the Maritimes



This August on our annual summer vacation to Down East Maine, we also traveled to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. We had traveled through New Brunswick on previous trips, and thought we got a glimpse of a sign for a Mennonite Church as we sped along the main highway. This year we looked for it, got off at the exit where we saw the sign and drove to the Petitcodiac Mennonite Church. The pastoral couple, Eric and Marilyn Henderson, warmly welcomed us. They moved to Petitcodiac, NB from their home in Harrisonburg, VA last October for an interim assignment at the church.

The Petitcodiac Mennonite Church was started 30 years ago by several Mennonite families that moved from Ontario. Several individuals were interested in good farmland and in having an organic farm. More people followed and the church grew. They are part of the Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, as we are part of Mennonite Church USA. Currently they have approximately 35 members.

The church is very community oriented. In 1986 they opened the first SELFHELP Crafts Gift Shop east of Ontario in Petitcodiac. Soon people in other community churches were involved in helping with the store. We drove downtown to the 10,000 Villages store, but unfortunately it was closed at that time. Not only do they oversee this store, but they also, along with MCC volunteers, oversee the Fall Festival Sales, which is a huge event in the

Maritimes and develops relationships between churches of various denominations. These also have been very profitable monetarily.

In addition to warmth of Eric and Marilyn, the church facility was very welcoming, and I just felt God's Spirit and a bond to the congregation that attends there. Ironically, the church building had been a liquor store before!



We were so glad that we stopped and visited with Marilyn and Eric. We had no idea there were any Mennonites in the Maritimes, and they were not aware of our churches in Vermont. We intend to keep in touch. So if you are traveling to New Brunswick, be sure to stop at Petitcodiac.



Check out their very interesting website:
<http://www.petitcodiacmennonitechurch.org/>

~Jan Collins

Bethany Birches Camp Says Thanks

This year, part of Taftsville's involvement and support of Bethany Birches Camp included subsidizing counselors' salaries. We gave \$2000.00, which was divided among 6 camp counselors as part of a matching fund. Here are some of the comments we received as the staff expressed their thanks:

"Thank you so much for your generous donations toward our staff matching fund... God is moving in this place and everything we do here would not be possible without people like you." ~Katie Moyer

"It was one of the best summers of my life. I had an amazing experience being able to connect with kids who [come to] understand what its like to see Jesus in someone's life." ~Lara Heidenreich

"I have never left [after serving at the camp] without feeling a great sense of satisfaction that I have made an everlasting effect on some child's life through the love of Christ." ~Ruth Ellen Dandurand

"I wish I could put into words what this summer has meant to me... My best moment this summer happened when my camper...told me I'd be an awesome dad. It's moments like these that make me feel I'm making a difference in children's lives."
~Sam Moyer

"I felt God's love so intensely here - and I also felt an intense need for God's love. I pray that the campers may take what they experienced here home with them, and that it may sustain them and give them life." ~Greg Yoder

"Counseling is a trying and tiring job at times, but I've grown tremendously through it... My life has been touched by this place, and I pray that the lives of many children have been as well." ~Kristina Landis

"Your contributions continue to make a huge impact. Thanks!" ~Brandon Bergey, Director.

(The letters are all posted in the Millen Room, so that you may read them in their entirety!)

5th Annual Bethany Birches Benefit Auction

Saturday, September 22 is a date that you will want to put on your calendars. The 5th annual Bethany Birches benefit auction will be held that day at **Quechee Gorge Village**. There will be a **preview at 9AM with the auction beginning at 10AM**. Sanford Alderfer, from Hatfield, Pennsylvania, will again be the auctioneer. He brings a lot of energy and a great sense of humor that makes this a very fun event.

Up for bid will be quality items gathered and produced by many local volunteers. These include quilts, furniture, jewelry, artwork, gift certificates for local restaurants and businesses, plants and much more.

Light snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase.

Goodro Lumber of Killington and Gallagher Flynn & CO, LLP of Hanover is underwriting all of the costs for the auction. This means that all of the proceeds will go directly to BBC.

There are several ways in which you can be involved with this exciting event.

1. Donate an item to be auctioned. We are looking for quality handmade items (artwork, furniture, quilts, toys) or new or antique items with a value of at least \$25.
2. Volunteer your time helping to set up or take down the auction.
3. Come to the auction, bid enthusiastically, eat some great food and help support Bethany Birches.
4. Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

Raising money in this way helps Bethany Birches keep summer camp affordable for the children of this community.

To donate your items, time or talent please contact Janet North or Allen Guntz.

Bits 'n Pieces

Note from Nancy Iott

I guess I qualify as a student as well as a teacher. On October 1, I will be going with 27 other Peace Corps volunteers to Kiev in Ukraine, which prior to independence in 1991 was part of the former USSR. I will be living with a host family for three months and receiving intensive language lessons. Ukrainian uses the Cyrillic alphabet and is similar to Russian. I'm told it's easier to learn than Japanese and Chinese, but harder than Arabic and Greek. I concur...I am in for a challenge.

At the end of December we will begin our teaching assignments. Mine will be teaching English - with an emphasis on business English - to students at the university level. We are also encouraged to do an adjunct mini course on something creative from our own "tool kits". I wonder if they could use some cooking classes? In Ukrainian cuisine, there is a heavy emphasis - no pun intended - on dumplings, cabbage, and beets. (There is even a Beet Festival!)

I am excited about this adventure and have a sense God will be teaching me things about myself and about the world that I never envisioned before. I hear that finding Christian fellowship will not be all that difficult in Kiev. Wouldn't it be nice if my host family is Christian? Thanks for your prayers. ~Nancy

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If you need a 2007 phone list, please let me know. ~Carie Good

Back to Sunday School - Second Hour

The school list on the opposite page highlights the scattered nature of our congregation. Many of us seldom see each other except on Sunday mornings when we gather for worship, study, and fellowship. That's why the second hour and the interlude between it and the worship service are so important to our Christian community. For our children, Sunday school is not only a time to learn about Jesus and the Bible but also a time to build friendships with children whom they do not see at school or in their neighborhood. Sunday school is also a time for adults and children to enjoy special stories and activities together in a friendly, nurturing environment.

When **Sunday school begins on September 9**, the children and youth will gather in three groups, which will continue throughout the autumn quarter. The **younger children will meet with Virginia Schlabach, Elinor Shattuck, and volunteer helpers** to move through age-level story/worship/activity centers as they did last spring. A delightful new curriculum from Gospel Light uses stories from the Old and New Testaments to help the children think about choices such as making peace, serving unselfishly, and saying no to temptation. Parents are welcome to come with their children, especially on the first day. **The junior youth will "Gather Round" with Jan Collins** looking at biblical stories emphasizing that we are "Becoming a People of God" rather than "people who have arrived". **The youth will meet with Carol Whitney and Nancy Pejouhy** to share "God Things" that have happened during the week; they'll also discuss the trials and tribulations associated with being a teenager.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Scattered far and wide from Burlington and Randolph to Brownsville and Brattleboro in Vermont and from Haverhill and Hanover to Enfield and Canaan in New Hampshire, 37 students, teachers, and school staff from our church are returning to the classroom. Please save this page as a reminder to pray for them now and throughout the school year. (Those marked with an asterisk are in new situations.)

STUDENTS

Laura Beidler – Hartford High School – 12
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Gabrielle Webber –
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Dimitri Eisenberg – Hartford Middle School – 8
Ben Beidler – Hartford Middle School – 7
Hayden Cox – Hartland Elementary – 7
Noah Wilson – Hartland Elementary – 6
Hannah Cox – Hartland Elementary – 4
Addison Wanner – Crossroads Academy – 4
Seth Eisenberg – Ottauquechee Elementary – 3
Gavin Eisenberg – Ottauquechee Elementary – 1
Micah North Schlabach –
Barnard Central Elementary – 1
Emily Smith – Dothan Brook Elementary – 1
Lena Wanner* – Crossroads Academy – K

Preschool:

Josiah Esch – School Street Montessori
Calvin McCrory* – The White River School

College:

Haley Bolin – Dartmouth College – senior –
geography/philosophy
Sarah Glick – University of Vermont –
senior – psychology
Haylie Cox* – University of Vermont –
freshman – computer science/business
Ross Reitz* – Vermont Tech, Brattleboro –
first year – LPN program

Also education-related:

Rosalind Andreas is chair of the Mennonite Education Agency Board of Directors, 2001-2007, and will continue as a board member until 2011.
Tim Good works year-round as webmaster for Dartmouth Medical School.
Jan Collins works year-round as office manager for Upper Valley Music Center (Music classes, lessons, ensembles, etc. at UVMC & in 13 Upper Valley Schools).
Kevin Cox* has a short-term job in Woodstock, tutoring a young man who may soon go to prison.

TEACHERS

Kristen Aloisio* – Dartmouth College –
teaching assistant, public health dept.
(also completing final requirement for
U. of New England marine biology degree)
Melissa Ayers* – SAU #62: Canaan and
Enfield, NH, Elementary Schools –
speech/language assistant, pre-K-gr. 2
Skip Chalker – Mascoma Valley Regional
High School – English
Allison Fletcher – Killington Mountain
School – music, gr. 7-12
Lynda Knisley – Albert Bridge School – art, K-6;
Mid-Vermont Christian School – art, gr. 5-12;
art history
Nancy Pejouhy – Woodstock Union Middle
School – math, gr. 8; pre-algebra, gr. 7
Marilyn Landis Wanner* –
Crossroads Academy – gr. 1
Brett Wanner – Oliverian School – music
Carol Whitney* – Hartford High School –
algebra 1; geometry; pre-calculus
Nick Wolfe – Hartland Elementary –
social studies, gr. 7-8

SCHOOL STAFF

Janet North* – Woodstock Union High
School – counseling secretary
Russell Pejouhy – Woodstock Union High
School – special ed para-educator
Bob Rosenberger – Woodstock Union High
School – day custodian
Janice Zook – Hartford School District –
nurse

Dear Friends,

We did it! I confess to having occasionally feared that none of this daring plan would work. But so far it has been wildly successful. I am so happy and grateful to all of you for helping to create a health clinic in Borneo where people can pay with labor for medicine.

Every day for the last three weeks we have seen as many patients as we can, and we are booked at least two weeks in advance. People seem so happy to come to our pleasant, clean, friendly clinic where they can get medicine even if they have no money at all. I adore working with my Indonesian colleague, Romi, and all the rest of the team. We have been lucky to find such great staff and have them express their joy about working on something they believe in.

The organic garden is rising from the earth. We now have a seedling nursery and the beginnings of a compost shed. Labor, bamboo, and manure have all come from local residents paying for their health care. People really chuckle when they find out they can pay for medicine with cow poop! We had two wonderful volunteer consultants here to help plan the whole garden (Luth from Jakarta and Esme Cullen from the US). They also helped teach our local farm manager, Utai, basic organic principles and about the serious dangers of pesticides, many of which have been banned in almost every other country in the world.

Our clinic practice has experienced great joy in being able to treat or cure many people (malaria, tuberculosis, pertussis, diabetes, asthma, seizure disorders, psychiatric diseases) but also great sadness. We have seen five patients with fungating tumors and had to tell at least ten people that they will die of cancer. Too many times we have heard the story of those who stopped or were unable to start treatment in the past because they could not afford it. I wish so much for more complete facilities where we would treat these people and allow family members to pay with labor on reforestation or growing organic vegetables. In this way we are creating a complete circle, not just treating disease but also promoting community health through less carcinogen exposure and watershed protection, and aiding global health by decreasing the risk of global warming.

Small efforts can bring big, joyful returns. After four days of in-patient treatment with TB meds and steroids in the ASRI clinic, 20-year old Dardi walked out the front door to return home. Dardi had spent the last six years extremely ill, the last two of them lying on a mattress in a darkened room, his head in grave, constant pain from cerebral tuberculosis--a sickness that had remained undiagnosed by multiple other doctors who had examined Dardi. Throughout this time, his mother bathed and fed him. Watching him walk out the front door of the clinic with just a little assistance was a moving moment for the whole staff.

Thank you for your help so far. Please continue to support us!

We have a few desperate needs, and I ask you to consider lending some of your labor and goods to help make the world a healthier place:

- 1) An x-ray machine. It is so hard to send patients two hours away to the city when it costs them so much money, but sometimes we just cannot make a diagnosis without an x-ray. A new one costs \$25,000.
- 2) A DOTS program (Directly Observed Therapy) to treat TB. We need people who will go three times a week to the home of every patient with TB to make sure they take their medicine. This method is essential to prevent and treat drug-resistant TB. I won't tell you all how many drug-resistant patients we have seen. It is terrifying. Setting up this system is essential for local and global health. With \$6000 we could set it up and run it for a year.
- 3) We need more help with the organic garden. Anyone know an organic farmer who would like to come out for six months?
- 4) Good thoughts, advice, and prayers. Please keep sending them!

Hugs and best wishes from Indonesia, *Kinari*

PS: As usual you can see pictures at www.healthinharmony.org/reports.html.

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## Schedule for September

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

- September**
- 1 7:00 am – Men’s Breakfast / *Dana’s*
  - 8 7:30 am – Women’s Breakfast / *Dana’s*
  - 9 9:30 am – Ecclesia Service
  - 19 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
  - 22 9:00 am – Bethany Birches Camp Auction
  - 25 Deadline for October issue of *The Taftsville Chapel Current*
  - 30 9:30 am – Song Service

### September Birthdays

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|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Joan Alderfer          | 17 <sup>th</sup> Emily Smith         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Monica Esch            | 17 <sup>th</sup> Dave Lutz           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Lena Wanner            | 19 <sup>th</sup> Brett Wanner        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Beth Sargent          | 20 <sup>th</sup> Ruth Lutz           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Landis-Wanner | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Richard Glick       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Mara Beck             | 25 <sup>th</sup> Bob Cormier         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Ben Beidler           | 28 <sup>th</sup> Russell Pejouhy     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Mary Fullerton        | 28 <sup>th</sup> Lee David duPlessis |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Abner Schlabach       | 29 <sup>th</sup> Dale Snader         |

### September Anniversaries

- 7<sup>th</sup> John & Ruth Lutz
- 17<sup>th</sup> Joanna & Murray Beidler
- 18<sup>th</sup> Brent & Regina Beidler
- 28<sup>th</sup> Monica & Sheldon Esch

### September Song Leaders Schedule

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Janet North
- 9<sup>th</sup> Janice Zook
- 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Schlabach
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Carmeleta Beidler
- 30<sup>th</sup> Omar Zook

### September Childcare Schedule

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Beidler
- 9<sup>th</sup> Emily Glick
- 16<sup>th</sup> Carie Good
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Pejouhy
- 30<sup>th</sup> Janet North

### September Coffee Schedule

- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 9<sup>th</sup>
- 16<sup>th</sup>
- 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 30<sup>th</sup>

Check list on  
bulletin board in  
Millen Room

### September Cleaning Schedule

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayers, Knisley
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ayers, Knisley
- 16<sup>th</sup> Beidler
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Beidler
- 30<sup>th</sup> Belknap

### September Mowing Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Glick
- 8<sup>th</sup>
- 15<sup>th</sup>
- 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 29<sup>th</sup>

**Mowers needed - Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.**

| <b>Taftsville Tally</b> |                                      |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                         | <b>Attendance</b>                    | <b>Offering</b> |
| <b>July 1</b>           | 59                                   | \$1,683.00      |
|                         | <i>Birthday Offering</i> ----- 30.00 |                 |
| <b>8</b>                | Bethany Birches Camp Service         |                 |
| <b>15</b>               | 42                                   | 1,276.00        |
| <b>22</b>               | 43                                   | 1,885.00        |
| <b>29</b>               | 60                                   | 1,408.00        |
| <b>Aug. 5</b>           | 69                                   | 1,551.00        |
| <b>12</b>               | Groton Camp Weekend                  |                 |
| <b>19</b>               | 38                                   | 1,856.00        |
| <b>26</b>               | 44                                   | 1,801.00        |

*Please note that these totals do not always reflect the final tally.*

*Do you remember when...*

**40 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

*September 24, 1967*

It was suggested that we begin our Sunday morning service at 9:30 instead of 10:00, to be run on a trial basis for a couple of months.

**35 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

*September 3, 1972*

The "Disciples" from Souderton, Pa, will be in charge of the morning service. A potluck meal will follow.

*September 5, 1972*

There was discussion regarding instruction classes for new believers. A study guide for such classes is being looked into.

**30 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

*September 6, 1977*

Some time was spent discussing making additional classroom space. It was decided that temporary measures will be taken for the winter, and then if the new drain system keeps the water out of the basement, we will make improvements next year.

**30 YEARS AGO (cont.)**

*September 21, 1977*

Candlelighters met at the Taftsville Chapel with 5 members present. An opportunity was given for those present to volunteer for monthly hostess. The meeting closed with a Fall Garden Exchange: begonias, coleus, ivy, gourds, candles, cukes, and more.

**25 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

*September 19, 1982*

Members expressed enthusiasm in response to an initial visit by Nelson and Ellen Kraybill.

**20 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

*September 1, 1987*

Ushers are Tom Glick, Debbie Snader and Becky Beidler.

**10 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

*September 12, 1997*

There is still room on the sign-up list for church cleaners. Trustees have been asked to take responsibility for signing up specific people. Volunteers are encouraged to come forward.

**Send your contributions for "The Taftsville Chapel Current" to:**

*Janice.g.collins@valley.net*

*OR slip a note in my church mailbox*

*OR contact a Newsletter Staff Member:*

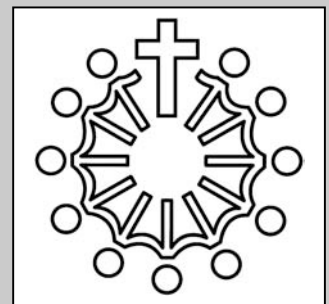
*Carie Good, Janet North, Virginia Schlabach*

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