



# 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

## The Body is a Unit

*The body is a unit,  
Though it is made up of many parts;  
And though all its parts are many,  
They form one body.*

*Now about spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters,  
I do not want you to be ignorant.*

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.  
There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them  
In all of us.*

*Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given  
For the common good.*

*To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom,  
To another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,  
To another faith by the same Spirit.*

*To another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,  
To another miraculous powers,  
To another prophecy,  
To another distinguishing between the Spirits,  
To another speaking in different kinds of tongues  
And to still another the interpretation of tongues.*

*All these are the work of one and the same Spirit  
And he gives them to each one just as he determines.  
I Corinthians 12: 12, 1, 4-11*

*. . . Everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening,  
encouragement and comfort.*

*. . . He who prophesies edifies the church.*

*Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts,  
try to excel in gifts that build up the church.  
I Corinthians 14: 3, 4, 12*

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Sabbatical . . . we know that this time of sabbatical will be a time of rest and refreshment for Randy and Carie. What does this time mean for the rest of us?

I propose that this can be a time of renewal for us as well as each of us looks at and explores our own gifting from the Spirit. There is no doubt that as a body we will miss Randy and Carie's gifts. However, in the passage from Corinthians about spiritual gifts you will notice that it says, "To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one . . . to another, . . . to another . . . to another . . . to another . . . to another . . . and to still another . . ." Randy and Carie have not taken all of the gifts with them. The Spirit is still here, the gifts are still here. In fact, during this time we may discover that some of us are graced with gifts that we did not know we had or have not experienced before.

A common thread throughout the passage discussing the spiritual gifts is that the gifts are to be used to strengthen and build up the church. As we are faithful in exercising and using the gifts given to us we can look forward to the church being strengthened and renewed. Various people in the church will be asked to fill roles that they may not normally fill in our church life. Each of us will perhaps take on a bit more responsibility for the welfare of the body and building up the church. Some people will be asked to take on specific responsibilities. I hope that all of us will look within ourselves to see what we have to offer the church especially during this time.

I Corinthians 14:26 says, "When you come together everyone has a hymn or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church." This is a verse that we often refer to when we are talking about our Ekklesia services every seventh Sunday. On these Sundays we especially look to "everyone" to come to the worship service with a contribution. Our Ekklesia service should be no less of a worship service than our services on the other six Sundays. This verse emphasizes again that whatever is brought and shared is for the strengthening of the church. When you see an Ekklesia Sunday listed on the calendar, ask yourself during your quiet times during the week, "What is it that the Spirit wants me to share in order to strengthen the church?" I guarantee that if each of us prays for this inspiration from the Spirit, our Ekklesia services will be a blessing to everyone and an experience that no one will want to miss.

I am looking forward to what the Spirit has to say to Taftsville during the next few months.

*Elinor Shattuck, Leadership Team Member*

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## **Being Good Stewards**

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As I look out my office window at the 2000-acre campus I work at, my mind keeps wondering back to the concept of stewardship. We teach the kids here at school about being good stewards to the land. We have gardens, we recycle and have over 100 head of cattle to graze the land. With our annual meeting two weeks away, I also wonder how we at Taftsville can be good stewards. It's during annual meeting time when we traditionally fill our church slate and agree on a proposed budget.

I encourage any and all to attend our annual meeting not only as a way to participate but also to learn or reflect on how you might be a good steward to Taftsville Chapel. Feel free to check out the church slate – vacancies still exist, hanging in the hallway. Filling a vacancy is a good way to get to know others better and also offer your gifts and skills to Taftsville!

*Kerry Beck*  
Church Council Administrator

## **Congregational Annual Meeting—Wednesday, July 12 @ 7pm**

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## **Bits and Pieces**

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### **Service at Bethany Birches Camp—July 16**

On Sunday, July 16 at 9:30am we will gather together with Bethany Mennonite Church for worship at Bethany Birches Camp in Plymouth, Vermont. A Chicken BBQ will follow the service and will be provided by the camp. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost. If anyone is willing to either help cook the chicken or help in the kitchen that day, please let Brandon know. [bbc@vermontel.net](mailto:bbc@vermontel.net)

### **Baby Bottles**

Thank you all for supporting Carenet with the "Baby Bottle" collection. We delivered thirty very full bottles of change and dollar bills to the West Lebanon office. These contributions were very much appreciated. Thanks, *Nancy Pejouhy*

## Schedule for July

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*

- July** 1 7:00 am – Men's Breakfast / *Dana's*  
 8 7:30 am – Women's Breakfast / *Dana's*  
 14 6:00 pm – Young Adult Potluck / *TBA*  
 12 7:00 pm – Annual Congregational Meeting  
 16 9:30 am – Outdoor Service @ Bethany Birches Camp  
 followed with Chicken BBQ Lunch  
 25 Deadline for August issue of *The Taftsville Chapel Current*

→ **LOOKING AHEAD to August 13** – Church held at Groton Campgrounds

### Preaching Schedule for July:

<b>July</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Abner Schlabach
	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Denny Hackman
	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Service at Bethany Birches Camp
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Ted Shattuck – Communion
	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Ekklesia

Taftsville Tally		
	Attendance	Offering
<b>June</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> ----- 44 -----	\$2,191.00
	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b> ----- 53 -----	1,000.00
	<i>Special offering</i> -----	850.00
	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b> ----- 38 -----	1,050.05
	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b> ----- 31 -----	950.00

### July Birthdays

4 <sup>th</sup>	Hudson Cox	24 <sup>th</sup>	Elinor Shattuck
15 <sup>th</sup>	David Beidler	25 <sup>th</sup>	Carie Good
20 <sup>th</sup>	Allen Guntz		

### July Mowing Schedule

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kevin Cox
9 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Cox
16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , & 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sign up on the bulletin board in the Millen Room	

### July Song Leaders

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Omar Zook
9 <sup>th</sup>	Carmeleta Beidler
16 <sup>th</sup>	Janice Zook
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Glick
30 <sup>th</sup>	Rebekah Deitrich

### July Childcare Schedule

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Virginia Schlabach
9 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Glick
16 <sup>th</sup>	Carmeleta Beidler
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Pejouhy
30 <sup>th</sup>	Janet North

### July Cleaning Schedule

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hackman
9 <sup>th</sup>	Hackman
16 <sup>th</sup>	McCrary
23 <sup>rd</sup>	McCrary
30 <sup>th</sup>	North/Schlabach

### July Coffee Duty

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marie Hackman
9 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Cox
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Ann Glick
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Guntz
30 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Alderfer

## 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.



### Dale and Darlene Snader

#### Favorite Verses

##### Dale:

*Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3*

##### Darlene:

*I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:8*

**Once upon a time in a little church in a little state** the people decided to have the children collect pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters to help people in a little village in a little country far away who did not have water. Week after week the children collected pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters – and some dollar bills – to buy cement and pipe so that people in the little village in the little country far away could have water. Each week the treasurer of the little church in the little state almost went crazy when he had to count and roll all the pennies, count and roll all the nickels, count and roll all the dimes, count and roll all the quarters and count the dollar bills.

One Sunday the children in the little church in the little state counted the number of bags of cement that they could buy with all the pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters and – some dollar bills – that they had collected for the people in the little village in the little country far away who did not have water. There was enough money for forty bags of cement and lots and lots of pipe. The children were going to collect pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters – and maybe some dollar bills – one more time.

That Sunday a teenage boy came to the little church in the little state and brought his friend along as a visitor. When the children started collecting the pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters – and some dollar bills – the teenager dug into his pockets and pulled out the pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters to put into the bucket. The teenager's friend, the visitor, dug into his pocket, too, and pulled out some pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters – and some dollar bills. His friend, the visitor, put his pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters into the bucket but he put the dollar bills back into his pocket. The teenager said to his friend the visitor, "Come on, man! Give more! How much d'ya got?" "Fifteen bucks," his friend the visitor replied. "Give it, man!" the teenager urged. "But it's my lunch money!" protested his friend the visitor. "Why are you worrying about lunch money? Those people don't even have water!" exclaimed the teenager. And so, his friend the visitor reached into his pocket and pulled out the fifteen dollars and put it in a bucket that one of the children was holding.

After the worship service was over the teenager's father heard what had happened. Being of sound body and filled with adult logic, the father took his teenager aside and said, "Son, maybe you should not have told your friend the visitor to give his lunch money for the people in the little village in the little country far away who do not have water. Imagine what your friend the visitor's mother is going to say when her son tells her that he has given his lunch money away!" Suddenly, the teenager had a vision of what would happen if the tables were turned and he would come home and tell his father that he had given his lunch money away. "You what?!" he could hear his father say – in that certain tone of voice. "Besides the father went on, "What will your friend the visitor's parents think if they know we invited your friend to church and then fleeced him of his lunch money? I'll give you fifteen dollars so you can give the money back to your friend the visitor." Realizing that he might have gotten his friend in trouble, the teenager said, "No, I'll use my own money to give back to my friend the visitor." And so, he went up to his bedroom and dug into his secret stash that he was saving to buy something special. He took out fifteen dollars and gave it to his friend the visitor.

His friend the visitor, feeling somewhat relieved, took the lunch money. When he went home he told his mother all about the people in the little village in the little country far away who did not have water – and about the lunch money that he had given away and gotten back again. His mother called the teenager's father to say that she didn't think the teenager should have had to pay it back.

On that last Sunday the children in the little church in the little state collected enough pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters – and quite a few dollar bills – to buy much more pipe and twenty-one more bags of cement.

Weeks and months went by and the people in the little church in the little state forgot about the pennies and nickels and dimes and quarter – and the dollar bills. They forgot all about the pipe and the sixty-one bags of cement. The treasurer forgot all about counting and rolling all the pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters. The teenager forgot about the fifteen dollars and his friend the visitor forgot about the lunch money. The teenager's father and the friend's mother forgot about the lunch money, too.

But – on a hillside in the little village in the little country far away – the people, the people who had water – were dancing!

**NOTE: This is a true story and Taftsville is the little church in the little state, and Las Pozas, Honduras is the little village in the little country.**



**MCC Photo:** Masons from Las Pozas and Las Lomitas, Honduras, work together to build a dam. In the foreground are Victorino, left, and Reyna, from Las Pozas. Behind them is Jose Leon, a member of the Las Lomitas Brethren in Christ Church. (Photo by Tony Sauder)

### **Honduras Dam Project (Excerpts from Mennonite Central Committee Report)**

“LAS POZAS, Honduras – In water-starved southern Honduras, this isolated village is getting neighborly assistance from a nearby Brethren in Christ congregation. With financial and technical support from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) church members have helped the Las Pozas community organize to build three dams.

Las Lomitas residents must walk all the way to the bottom of the mountain to collect their water and carry it back up. Most people take their baths and wash their clothes at the bottom of the mountain.

MCC worker, Tony Sauder, and local residents decided to build several concrete dams as a first step toward addressing water shortages in Las Pozas. The dams would hold several months’ worth of water for washing and bathing. MCC contributed 80 percent of cement costs and technical guidance from Sauder, while volunteers from Las Pozas have done the masonry and provided other labor.

Soon there will be enough rain in the creek to mix cement. The community organized several workdays to bring sand up the mountain and to clear rubble from natural pools carved in to the bedrock. Landslides and flooding during Hurricane Mitch four years ago had filled the pools.”

A celebration was held to mark the completion of three dams. “Some of the water being held by the dams is being used to mix concrete for new classrooms. Local residents gave thanks for the dam that had been completed and the precious water stored behind it.”

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## Taftsville Tidbit Trivia

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### 45 Years Ago This Month

July 15, 1961

David Murray Beidler is born to Joanna and Murray Beidler.

### 35 Years Ago This Month

July 15, 1971

The visit of the Ivan Ramer family to Vermont was discussed. The Good Samaritan Fund would pay motel costs at the Farmbrook Motel and a love gift would be given.

### 30 Years Ago This Month

July 8, 1976

THANK YOU to Allen Guntz who kindly prepares the tapes of music which we enjoy prior to the starting of our services

### 25 Years Ago This Month

July 9, 1981

The church council considered Outdoor sign possibilities for the Chapel. Shown were signboards that would be lighted and have changeable messages.

### 20 Years Ago This Month

July 29, 1986

Some responses to the discussion question "What will Taftsville Chapel be like in the year 2001?": Some 'founding families' will leave the area to go into service elsewhere. -The building will be handicapped accessible. - We'll have the same pastor. - More people will know who Mennonites are. - Some young people in the church will stay and take up leadership roles.

### 10 Years Ago This Month

July 6, 1996

The handicapped access has need of a handrail along the sidewalk. Omar will be looking into this. Allen is pursuing the entrance and parking signs.

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*OR slip a note in my church mailbox*

### Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship

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