



# 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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## Ah, Spring...

...and this year my thoughts are turning to, what else, Softball. Actually, lately I've been thinking a lot about worship – what it is and isn't, how it fits in with the rest of our life together, and the impact our worship may have on those that may visit with us.

This is where Softball comes in. If you think about the game, a successful hitter gets on base, and subsequent hitters move the runner around the bases until Home is reached. Using this as an analogy for the way our worship life informs our outreach, what might the bases represent?

It's my understanding that in some churches, "getting to first base" in outreach means "inviting people to church". Second base would be "getting them to stay with the church", third base is "getting them doing things for the church", and a home run is "getting them to invite others to come to church" (and hopefully the cycle repeats itself.). If this is how we look at it, several things might happen as we worship. We'll be self-conscious. We'll tend to emphasize style over substance. We'll come away from worship feeling disconnected (at least) and worn out. We'll feel more like an audience at a performance, rather than participants in a community. New attendees will experience a sense of pressure.

What would be the outcome if we intentionally thought about the outreach (or even in-reach) of our worship like this: First base is "inviting others into God's presence". Second base is "inviting others to develop a loving relationship with God", third base is "encouraging others in their gifts in serving God (all week)" and a home run is seeing "new" folks inviting others to a relationship with God because they enjoy His love and presence. If *this* is how we look at it, several things might happen as we worship. We'll find a new freedom to be ourselves. We'll tend to have room for diverse

expressions of worship since they are directed toward God as the only audience. We might be more open to actually being met by God, and deeply refreshed. New attendees will sense something good and peaceable (Him) and perhaps develop a hunger for more. My deep sense is that at Taftsville, our hearts are already there, and at the same time willing and open for more.

As the apostle Peter spoke to the onlookers when the crippled beggar was healed (Acts 3), one of the statements he made was "times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord." No amount of *anything* else will do it quite the same. The picture that emerges from the Psalms is that the Lord actually inhabits the praises of His people (Ps 22:3). His presence is with us as we direct our hearts in worship toward Him. Others can't help but see and notice that, like the first disciples, we "have been with the Lord."

So, as spring unfolds, my prayer is that the Lord will be very much with us all in some fresh ways as we worship. We'll know by the freedom, peace, gentleness and joy that accompanies His presence. Play ball!

Happy spring, *Randy*

## Walking through the Empty Tomb!



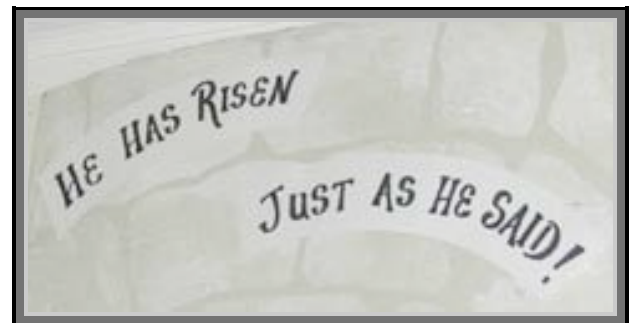
Mara Beck entering the tomb



Inside the tomb



Toby Dietrich walking through the tomb



**Easter morning**, all those who attended church at Taftsville, followed a path to the opening of a tomb with a large stone rolled away. We walked through the empty tomb, coming out the other side into our gathering room to worship our Risen Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Thank you to Elinor Shattuck**, who created this set that helped us visualize our dying with Jesus, and most important, being raised with Him to life everlasting.

**The Lord is Risen! • He is risen indeed!**

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## Fundraisers for Youth Convention

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As most of you know, the Youth Convention in San Jose is coming up very soon! You can check it out at [www.sanjose2007.org](http://www.sanjose2007.org) for more information. So, the Youth has been scurrying around and we have several announcements.

**1) On Mother's Day we will be selling 6 packs of pansies for \$10.** You can sign up at church next Sunday or send me an email if you would like to order some.

**2) The Youth group will be making and selling enchilada. The enchiladas will be available for pick up on the 27th of May.** We will be making both three cheese and veggie enchiladas. These enchiladas will be unbaked so that you can take them home and freeze or bake them. One pan of enchiladas will be selling for \$20. We are asking that you bring your own 9" by 13" pan the Sunday before the enchiladas will be ready for pick. This way we will generate less waste and be more environmentally friendly.

**3) Don't throw your stuff out! The youth group will be having a yard sale on Saturday the 9th of June.** We plan to have it on the Church lawn but we are still a bit unsure about the start time due to the AA meeting. If you have anything of value to donate, please drop it off on Sunday the 3rd or stop by the church on Friday evening (6/8) to help us set up and price things.

**4) We are hosting a challenge. If you have an idea of a good fundraiser, write it down** on a piece of paper with your name and drop it into the vase on the table in the Millen room in the church. The best idea will win a prize of a week off from cleaning or 3-4 hours of free babysitting or a homemade cake! Submit as many ideas as you would like. The more the merrier!

Thanks so much, *Laura Beidler*  
President of The Youth Group

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## Vermont Mennonites Help Build a School in Peru

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What began four years ago as a school field trip to Peru has evolved into a school-building mission for John and Taylor Hiers, Brian, Andrew and Bailey Bontrager, all of Bethany Mennonite Church, and Nancy Pejouhy of Taftsville Chapel. Along with thirty-eight students, teachers, and community members from Woodstock Union High School, the group raised over \$35,000 during the past two years to build a school in San Juan de Huashalado deep in the Amazon jungle. In addition, our group provided two wells along with medical and school supplies.

Temperatures soared above 100 degrees for most of the 14-day trip as students and adults mixed and hauled cement for the adobe brick building, constructed massive roof trusses, and worked and played with the village children.

A nurse accompanying the group set up a makeshift clinic in the village and treated over 260 people. Another group member administered eye tests and gave out hundreds of pairs of donated glasses and sunglasses.

Subsistence farmers and fisherman, the people of the Peruvian jungle live without electricity,

cars or even roads. Although education is highly valued, adequate school buildings have not been constructed in many of the villages along the Amazon. Enter W.U.H.S. students and teachers and "Project Peru". In 2005, the group raised money and helped build their first school and well in Cabo Pantoja. Fundraising began for a second school as soon as the first was completed. Now plans are being made for a third school.

*-Nancy Pejouhy*





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## Individual of the Month for May & June

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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.

**Lynda Knisley**



**“If you, being evil, know how to give gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to all who ask?”**

*Matthew 7:11*

**Melissa Ayers**



**“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
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.”**

*Psalms 100*

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## Health In Harmony Project, Indonesia

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“My name is Antonia Gorog, and I am working with Kinari (Webb) to establish the environmental conservation side of the program supported by Health In Harmony in Indonesia. First and foremost, we have a building for the clinic! After some complex finagling and negotiating, and a transaction of \$500 for a year's lease, we have rented a house suitable for the clinic. Orange with bright blue trim, the clinic-to-be is nestled at the foothills of Gunung Palung across a small valley from Kinari's house, which sits at the base of another range of small hills in the national park. The clinic, Kinari's house, and the other doctors' houses are all near to one another. Kinari plans to outfit her whole staff with shiny blue bicycles for transportation between home and clinic.”

These are just a few small quotes from the E-news from Indonesia. To read the whole report about their progress, and Kinari's “chance encounter with a local figure of almost legendary importance”, and about “The winner of the First Annual Sukadana Tooth brushing Competition...”, go to the website listed below.

**Health In Harmony, 351 Pleasant St., Suite B, #117, Northampton, MA 01060 • [www.healthinharmony.org](http://www.healthinharmony.org)**

**Schedule for May & June**

**Each Sunday morning: 9:30 am - Worship Service**

**10:45 am - Coffee and Fellowship**

**11:00 am - Second Hour/Sunday School May 27 - Last 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour until September**

**May**

- 11 6:00 pm - Young Adult Potluck / TBA
- 12 7:00 am - Men's & Women's Breakfast / Dana's
- 13 Mother's Day - Pansy fundraiser/Youth Group
- 16 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting/ Church
- 20 Bring 9" x 13" pan for Enchiladas
- 23 Pastoral Care Meeting / Randy & Carie Good's
- 25 Deadline for June Calendar
- 27 Enchilada Pick-up day / Youth Fundraiser

**June**

- 2 7:00 am - Men's Breakfast / Dana's
- 8 6:00 pm - Young Adult Potluck / TBA
- 9 7:30 am - Women's Breakfast / Dana's
- 9 Youth Fundraiser Yard Sale / Church
- 13 6:00 pm - Young Adult Potluck / TBA
- 24 Birthday Song for May and June
- 26 Deadline for July/August issue of  
*The Taftsville Chapel Current*
- 29 Deadline for July Calendar

**May Birthdays**

- 2 Lynda Knisley
- 5 Deb duPlessis
- 9 Karen Cox
- 17 Anna Abetti-Korpi
- 26 Tim Guntz

**May Anniversaries**

- 11 Mary & Allen Guntz
- 25 Mary & Glenn Fullerton
- 26 Mark & Karyn Belknap
- 28 Janet North &  
Fred Schlabach

**May Song Leaders**

- 6 Virginia Schlabach
- 13 Janice Zook
- 20 Carmeleta Beidler
- 27 Richard Glick

**May Childcare**

- 6 Nancy Pejouhy
- 13 Mary Guntz
- 20 Emily Glick
- 27 Laura Beidler

**May Coffee**

- 6 Nancy Pejouhy
- 13 Marie Hackman
- 20 Karen Cox
- 27 R & R Glick

**May Cleaning**

- 6 North/Schlabach
- 13 Pejouhy
- 20 Pejouhy
- 27 V & A Schlabach

**June Birthdays**

- 4 Heather Wolfe
- 5 Kevin Cox
- 6 John Lutz
- 7 Seth Eisenberg
- 8 Roy Aloisio
- 9 Mike McCrory
- 16 Ken Glick
- 18 Bekah Deitrich
- 27 Vickie Eisenberg

**June Anniversaries**

- 2 Vera & Lewis Fogg
- 3 Janice & Omar Zook
- 9 Carl & Rosalind Andreas
- 16 Abner & Virginia Schlabach
- 24 Ross & Jessica Reitz

**June Song Leaders**

- 3 Allison Fletcher
- 10 Omar Zook
- 17 Karen Cox
- 24 Janet North

**June Coffee**

- 3 Mary Guntz
- 10 Abner Schlabach
- 17 Karen Cox
- 24 Nancy Pejouhy

**June Cleaning**

- 3 V & A Schlabach
- 10 Youth
- 17 Youth
- 24 Snader

<b>Taftsville Tally</b>		
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
April 1	-----66	-----\$-2,304.00
8	-----75 est.	-----1,336.00
15	-----39	-----1,435.00
22	-----45	-----1,405.00
29	-----56	-----7,773.00
<i>Please note that these totals do not always reflect the final tally.</i>		

**Please Note Directory Change**

**New Address for—**

**Ross & Jessica Reist**  
 83 Frost Place, Apt 3  
 Brattleboro, VT 05301  
 802-380-2828 (Phone is the same)

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## Taftsville Tidbit Trivia

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*Do you remember when...*

### 35 Years Ago This MAY

*May 20, 1972*

We will meet for workday and love feast with activities starting at 2:00 p.m. A list of projects to be completed will be posted for signatures. Possibly some of the womenfolk could take care of some of the inside jobs, freeing the menfolk for the outside ones.

### 30 Years Ago This MAY

*May 3, 1977*

The fence between the church property and the Lewen's must be replaced. Mrs. Lewen requested that we replace it, since we pushed it over again.

### 20 Years Ago This MAY

*May 18, 1987*

A kiddie-size table in the kitchen side of the basement would make it easier to serve meals or snacks to kids, and keep food entirely on the linoleum side.

### 15 Years Ago This MAY

*May 5, 1992*

Mention was made of missing slates on the roof. The trustees will need to make an assessment.

### 10 Years Ago This MAY

*May 15, 1997*

The Vermont Cluster churches are gathering some money to assist Hubert Swartzentruber with some car repairs he had during his last trip to Vermont.

### 35 Years Ago This JUNE

*June 12, 1972*

A speaker from Asbury College, Kentucky will be sharing about the Holy Spirit Baptism which swept through the college.

### 30 Years Ago This JUNE

*June 15, 1977*

Good News Bibles have been purchased and are available to any who want them. The cost is \$3.00 for hardback and \$2.00 for paperback.

### 20 Years Ago This JUNE

*June 28, 1987*

There will be Taftsville Chapel Church Family Portrait taken after worship. Allen Guntz will be photographer.

### 10 Years Ago This JUNE

*June 1, 1997*

Peace Mennonite church from Burlington is holding a baptism service at Bethany Birches Camp at 1 p.m. We are all invited.

*June 29, 1997*

We try our first "Ekklesia Sunday"

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

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**OR 802-295-5123**

**OR slip a note in my church mailbox**

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**Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship** is located in the village of Taftsville, one block south of Route 4 on Happy Valley Road.

**Randy Good, Pastor**

<http://www.taftsvillechapel.org/>

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