

**FAITH UNITED  
CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**2510 W LIVINGSTON STREET  
ALLENTOWN, PA 18104**

July & August 2010

**9:30 AM Worship through August 29, 2010**

### ***MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR***

A few years ago the Pew Forum on Religion, after contacting more than 35,000 Americans, offered some interesting things to think about. and since this newsletter will have to hold you until September, I thought the information might give you lots to think about over the summer.

For me, one of the most interesting parts of the report had to do with the discovery that "a plurality of adults who are affiliated with a religion want their religion to preserve its traditional beliefs and practices rather than either adjust to new circumstances or adopt modern beliefs and practices." We want to keep things the way they have always been, seems to be the conclusion. All the while, everything else changes, almost too rapidly for many.

As I looked at that part of the report I couldn't help but remember how powerful people in Jesus' day became so upset at him because he continued wanting to change things by bringing about the completion of God's plan for creation. You might remember how he expressed that change.

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are- no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourself proud owners of everything that can be bought.

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full', you find yourself cared for.

"You're blessed when you get your inside world- your mind and heart- put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate, instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

"Not only that- count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable You can be glad when that happens- give a cheer, even!- for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have all gotten into this kind of trouble."

Those are the 'be-attitudes' (the attitudes of being) spoken by Jesus as recorded in Matthew's telling the good news. The translation was done in a very free, understandable, and responsible way using the languages of the Bible: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. Read them again and think deeply what they could be saying to you- how you need to change to bring about the blessedness they express. You might say they are impossible to live by. But Jesus didn't think so. For him they were accomplished already in his followers.

Summer is upon us. The days are long and give us time to slow down a bit and maybe do some introspection. What better way to look inside oneself with those familiar words of Jesus as a guide to new life.

Have a blessed summer, and remember the church is open every Sunday through the summer at 9:30 A.M., hot or cold, rain or shine.

Pastor Bill

## Readings for July

**July 4.** Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
II Kings 5:1-14  
Luke 10: 1-20

**July 11.** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Amos 7:7-17  
Luke 10: 25-37

**July 18.** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.  
Amos 8:1-12  
Luke 10: 38-42

**July 25.** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.  
Hosea 1: 2-10  
Luke 11:1-13

## Readings for August

**August 1.** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Hosea 11:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

**August 8.** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Luke 12: 32-40

**August 15.** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 5: 1-7  
Luke 12: 49-56

**August 22.** Thirteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost.  
Jeremiah 1: 4-10  
Luke 13:10-17

**August 29.** Fourteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

## BACK BAY (Biloxi, MS) MISSION TRIP Saturday, April 28, 2012 to Saturday, May 5, 2012

Submitted by Sandi Stecker

A \$100 pp deposit will be required by the end of June. Checks should be made payable to PASTOR'S FUND and mailed to Mark Griffith, 2513 Green Acres Drive, Allentown, PA 18103. Deposit is fully refundable until such time as airline tickets are purchased, which would occur in April 2011 at the earliest.

The first 20 women and 20 men to provide deposits will be guaranteed participation.

If we do not have 40 participants registered as of mid-June, we will invite other churches to participate.

On Sunday evening, June 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., UCC Greenawalds will host an informational meeting to discuss the trip and have interested participants get acquainted, as well as an opportunity to discuss fundraising possibilities.

If you have any questions please contact Sandi Stecker 610-797-3572 or call Karen and/or Mark Griffith of Greenawalds, (610) 435-9901, with questions.



**SEPTEMBER  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
ARE DUE  
AUGUST 22, 2010**

## FURNACE FUND

Submitted by Don Seibert

We certainly do not need any heat from our new furnace at this time of the year! But we are still hoping to pay off the line of credit balance that was used to finance it. We have received over \$3000 for our furnace fund campaign through May. Thank you! We have again attached an envelope to this newsletter for your gifts, and envelopes are also available in the narthex. Or you can simply mark your check for the "furnace".

Wouldn't it be great if we could pay off the furnace debt and then be able to fix the heat pump to get our air conditioning system back in working order?

Anyway, thanks for your support, and have a great summer.

## PHOEBE HOME PEACH FESTIVAL



The annual Phoebe Home Peach Festival will be held on the grounds of Phoebe Home, Wednesday, August 11. A supper of hot dogs, chicken BBQ, potato salad, ice cream and much more will be served from 4 PM - 6:30 PM. The Allentown Band will be in concert from 7 PM to 8 PM. If it rains, the supper and the concert will be inside Phoebe Home. It gets a little crowded but it's fun.

Donations of baked goods are appreciated. If you can help during the festival call Barbara Moyer at 619-437-4368 for details. If you cannot attend and take part you might consider making a cash donation to the Phoebe Auxiliary and send it to Phoebe Home.

All proceeds from the festival benefit the folks who live at the Home.

I want to underscore this announcement. The Festival held by the Auxiliary of Phoebe Home is a long standing tradition and the money raised provides things for the residents that are not included in the budget of Phoebe Ministries. I hope many of you getting this newsletter will circle the date on your busy calendars and take the time to travel to the Home and take part in any way you can.

Pastor Bill

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### CONTRIBUTION AND APERATING EXPENSE SUMMARY 2010

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	\$10,025.71	\$49,881.03
Operating Expense	<u>9,863.94</u>	<u>65,298.35</u>
Difference	\$161.77	(\$15,417.32)



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 07/01 Don Seibert
- 07/01 Kristin Zuber
- 07/03 Robert Danner
- 07/03 Steven Thewlis
- 07/05 Curtis Schmoyer
- 07/06 Charlotte Irving
- 07/07 Jane Helwig
- 07/07 Wayne Holben
- 07/07 Carol Hutchings
- 07/09 Beryl Anderson
- 07/10 Nancy Wanamaker
- 07/10 Erin Gallagher
- 07/10 Rebecca Burch
- 07/14 Laura Titman
- 07/14 Ruth Plantholt
- 07/15 Patricia Pramik
- 07/15 Amber Mengel
- 07/15 David Richards
- 07/16 Michelle Rivas
- 07/17 Azeane Abouzari

- 07/17 Theodore Schick
- 07/17 Anja Thomas
- 07/18 Kathleen O'Neill
- 07/19 Steve Conner
- 07/19 Suzanne Ott
- 07/21 Jean Mayes
- 07/21 Janine Krchnavy
- 07/22 Henry Streiff
- 07/23 Rhiannah Funk
- 07/25 Kaitelyn Felty
- 07/26 Alex Cudd
- 07/27 Althea Rodenberger
- 07/27 Christopher Felty
- 07/27 Aiden Spradlin

- 08/05 Kathleen Flickinger
- 08/07 Stephen Ott
- 08/08 Charles Bauer Sr.
- 08/08 Cheryl Spinosa
- 08/09 Margaret Kline
- 08/09 Daniel Wuchter
- 08/10 Aryanna Abouzari
- 08/10 Bryanna Miller
- 08/10 Owen Stetz
- 08/11 Sandra Diacogiannis
- 08/12 Katharine Irving
- 08/13 Rae Markley
- 08/14 Keith Bauer
- 08/14 Scott Smith
- 08/18 John Weisel
- 08/18 Kurt Blasser
- 08/22 Carol Closson
- 08/24 Chloe Urland
- 08/28 Michael Mihalik
- 08/29 Isaiah Rivas
- 08/30 Naomi Schleicher

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 08/01 Terry Ohm
- 08/02 Aaron Spradlin
- 08/02 Kevin Kern
- 08/02 Rylie Burch
- 08/03 Jane Dotter

**“HOAGIE SALE” – AUGUST 21 & 22**

Submitted by Sandy Diacogiannis

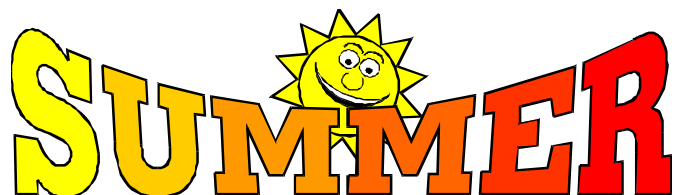


Fellowship Committee will have its summer hoagie sale on Saturday, August 21 and Sunday, August 22. For those who do not eat hoagies, please consider a monetary contribution to Faith UCC which will go towards paying off the new heating system. American, Turkey and Tuna Hoagies will be available at a cost of \$3.50. Hoagies can be picked up on Saturday, August 21 between 11:00 am and Noon, or on Sunday, August 22 from 11:30 am to Noon. Orders will be taken in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall on: July 25, August 1, August 8, and August 15. Deadline to order is August 15. An order/contribution form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

**Prayer Concerns**

Margaret Teitsworth, Phil Markley, Mary Ellen (fr. of Jane H.), Jeffrey Mattes (Curt S.'s son-in-law), Amelia Haddad, Ali Abouzari, Marian Follweiler, Joe Carr, Pat Pramik, George John, Robert Pramik, all service personnel, Wyatt, Larry, Rich (fr. of Sandy D.), Timothy Pramik, Bill Nelson, Walt (Sandy D's brother-in-law), Jim Zimbar, Lloyd Plantholt, Curt Schmoyer,

**ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR**





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