



May/June 2015

# Boehm's United Church of Christ *Beams from Boehm's*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!

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## June Celebrations of the 275th Anniversary of Boehm's Church!



### Celebrating the Weddings of Boehm's Church Sunday, June 14th



Boehm's Church is celebrating our marriages from over the years! There will be a special worship service on Sunday, June 14th (there's something about June weddings!) to recognize and lift up these blessed unions. A light reception (what else?) will follow. And, of course, there will be a cake to cut.

For this joyful occasion there will be a display of pictures and mementos from weddings that have taken place here over the decades. Our thanks to Janet Wentz, Barbara Jones Wiggin, Sheron Rowles Bitsko, Tiffany Rowles, Catherine Coryell, and Judy Keller who have provided or promised material so far.

If you would like to share your memories, please let Pastor Bill or a member of the History Committee know. Anything that you can scan and e-mail (or copy and snail mail) to Carol Ruth will be put to celebratory use. Thanks for your help!

### Celebrating Our Cemeteries Wednesday, June 24th

Boehm's Church is honored to host the next gathering of the Colonial Churches Group on Wednesday, June 24th and provide a forum for a discussion about the opportunities and concerns that cemeteries bring to the churches that maintain them. There will be a panel of knowledgeable speakers addressing topics such as:

- The changing norms in funeral practices and implications for the church.
- The role and formation of cemetery societies.
- Celebrating the cemetery in outreach and evangelism to the community.



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*The anniversary congregation...friends and members of Boehm's church.*

## O Blessed Day!

What a celebration it was! The rich history of Boehm's Church was honored on Sunday, May 3rd with a special anniversary worship service. It was a pleasure to welcome several visitors and old friends—and to see a full church. A multitude of memories and stories were shared by many, member and visitor alike, most emphasizing the importance of this church in their lives and the lives of their families. A special "Thank You!" is given to Pastor Bob Calvert, Rebe Jones, Rebe

Williams, Catharine Coryell and Fran Slingluff for sharing memories on the life and ministries of Boehm's Church during the service itself.

Following the service, a group photo was taken (see above) and a brunch was held in the fellowship hall. The food was delicious and beautifully served. Lorraine Nowlan, Pat Delp, Judy Keller and Fran Slingluff did an excellent job decorating both the sanctuary and fellowship hall, coordinating the brunch, and making the church very welcoming. Every detail was considered. Gary Rau was his usual remarkable self in helping to get the property into shape in so many ways including the replacement of the "cataracts" (i.e., the old discolored Plexiglas guards) from the windows in the front of the church! Gary also captured the day with his camera, as the photos on this page will attest.

Also, thank you to Al and Fran Slingluff for cleaning up the cemetery—which was a breathtaking sight with all the flowering trees in full bloom. Many visitors enjoyed visiting their ancestor's graves.

Bob Whittock wrote a wonderful history of Boehm's church to mark the occasion. Copies are available for sale (\$15 per book). See someone on the History Committee or the church office if you're interested in having one.

Finally, we would like to say "thank you" to the History Committee for all their hard work in organizing the anniversary event: Fran Slingluff, Bob Whittock, Lorraine Nowlan, Judy Keller, Pat Delp, Meredith McVittie, Al Slingluff, Pastor Bill and Carol Ruth Pfister (our amazing church administrator!). There are more good things to come! The next History Committee meeting is Tuesday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m. Anyone who wants to help or share ideas is welcome.



*Catharine Coryell sharing memories about Boehm's Music Ministries.*



*Rebe Williams sharing stories about Boehm's Church and Sunday School.*



*Enjoying fellowship over brunch.*

## Celebrating Our Cemeteries *(Continued from page 1)*

The panel of guest speakers will include Ms. Carol Yaster, the president of the board of directors of the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery; Mr. John A. Dougherty, a licensed funeral director with R. L. Williams, Jr. Funeral Home; and (our own) Mr. Al Slingluff. Al will be sharing with the participants some of the developments happening here at Boehm's Church regarding the cemetery.

The day will begin at 9:15 a.m. with coffee and conversation. A time of welcoming and housekeeping matters (for the Colonial Church Group) will precede the "Celebrating Cemeteries Panel Discussion" which will begin at 10:00 a.m. Boehm's Church will be providing lunch afterwards along with tours of the cemetery and the church, including the church museum. Everyone is welcome!

*The Colonial Churches Group, which meets twice a year, was founded by the Rev. Bob Calvert and provides a forum for the clergy, members and friends of colonial era churches in the greater Wissahickon area to gather and learn about the history of the member churches and the issues common to them.*



## THANK YOU...

... to Catharine Coryell for donating a beautiful piano for the sanctuary! She also coordinated the moving of the old piano to the Fellowship Hall. Many years of beautiful music will be possible thanks to this generous gift!

## Youth Sunday!

Sunday, June 21, 2015

Please join us for a special Sunday Worship Service—the Youth Sunday Service on June 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (which will mark the transition to the Fellowship Hall for Summer Worship). During this intergenerational service there will special songs and worship moments led by the church's young people, presentations of attendance certificates to the Sunday School students, and recognition of the Sunday School teachers and others.

A church picnic (featuring the grilling skills of Chef Gary Williams) and games will follow the worship service – a signup sheet to bring food and other items is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Come help us celebrate the future of our church!

## Memorial Sunday!

Sunday, May 24th

Join us for a time of remembrance during the worship service on Pentecost Sunday.



## Pentecost Sunday!

Sunday, May 24th



Don't forget to wear  
**RED**  
on Pentecost!

## New Member Sunday!

Sunday, May 31st

Please join us for worship as we welcome Meredith MacVittie and Oliver Will as new members. They have been attending since November and have already joined in the activities of the church.

**Welcome  
Meredith and Oliver!**

# May 24th Concert

to benefit

## The Bayard Taylor Elementary School

Bayard Taylor Elementary School is an inner city school in the Philadelphia District. This concert will raise funds to support them in their work since the school district is chronically short of funds! Rev. Bob Calvert



is working on a partnership with Boehm's to assist the students there.

The concert will be on Sunday, May 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. It will feature the vocal talents of the "High Note Voices."

**Bring a friend!**

### Benefit Concert

*For: Bayard Taylor Elementary School  
Philadelphia, Pa.*

*At : Boehm's United Church Of Christ  
571 Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike  
Blue Bell, Pa. 19422*

*Date: Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 4pm*

*Featuring:*  
*Liberty Ayres, Jay Bontempo, Pat Capone,  
Marie Hagner, Jacky Landers, Carol Luehrs,  
Connie Minnig, Olivia Mosley, Peter Paznokas,  
Sheri Paznokas, Jahanna Pitchford, Jada Ruzek*

*Sponsored By: High Note Vocals Voice Studio  
www.highnotevocals.com*

*A free will offering will be taken to benefit the school.  
Church parking is in front and across the street.  
Reception immediately following performance.  
For more information, call 215 362-8685.*



### May

- 3 Aidan Rowles
- 4 Connie Artis
- 8 Marie Hagner
- 16 Bob McKinney
- 20 Lorraine Nowlan

### June

- 1 Michael Rowles
- 4 Chaz Rowe
- 5 Mickey Cromie
- 7 Diana Rau
- 18 Dan Warner
- 20 Bob Whittock
- 24 Jackie Rowe
- 25 Samantha Bresnan



## Inter-Faith Golf Tournament

**Tuesday, June 23rd**

The Inter-Faith Housing Alliance is hosting their 18th Annual Community Golf Tournament at Pine Crest Country Club on Tuesday, June 23rd. Inter-Faith is currently looking for golfers, luncheon guests, donations for our silent auction, and event sponsors.

Register for golf or lunch online at [www.i-fha.org](http://www.i-fha.org). For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to make a donation, please contact the office at 215-628-2334 or [office@i-fha.org](mailto:office@i-fha.org).

Thank you!



## Boehm's History Corner

by Bob Whittock

### Church History

In 1915, the large Portrait (Fresco-Mural) on the side wall of the church, "Christ in Gethsemane," was presented by the Mission Band, and the church was also redecorated at that time. The Mission Band was under the leadership of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Joseph Yost. The members of the Mission Band were: Dorothy Bernhard, Ida Shaeff Cassidy, Dorothy Slingluff Rowles, and Hannah Bernhard Bright. They were taught mission work and how to sew and embroider at the tender age of 5 to 7 years old! The name Brandt Brothers, Reading, Pa. appears in the lower right hand corner of the Portrait, and is not visible from the floor. The cost of this painting was \$400.00.

### Cemetery History

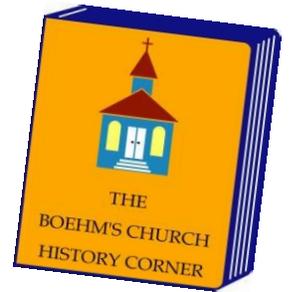
Dorothy E. Bernhard (6/27/1914—10/20/1996)

Hannah "Bernhard" Bright (5/13/1916—5/4/1989)

Ida "Shaeff" Cassidy (1911—buried 4/19/2004)

Dorothy "Slingluff" Rowles (2/2/1912—9/16/2009)

These women were members of the Mission Band and are all buried in Boehm's cemetery.



### *From the Desk of the Pastor ...*

Dear Family and Friends of Boehm's Church,

Anniversaries are an important part of life. They remind us of significant events, both personal and cultural. Whether we're marking a birthday, a wedding, a momentous event, or the death of a loved one, an anniversary puts a pin on the calendar to remind us of something that matters to us.

It's also an opportunity to look back over the years since the event we're marking, and reflect on how it has shaped us. Remembering the past (but without letting it rule us) can be an important part of understanding who we are and—especially when it comes to church anniversaries—whose we are! On May 3rd, we celebrated the fact that we are the beloved people of Boehm's Church—the beloved children of God. We will continue to celebrate this truth every day during this 275th anniversary year. And beyond as we embrace the years and decades to come.

There were many highlights during the celebration. There was one, however, that will probably stay with me until all memory fades. We showed the children, during the "Time with the Children," the Bible that our church founder, the Rev. John Philip Boehm, carried with him when he was riding the circuit between the churches that he helped to establish. It's a small Bible. Which, of course, makes sense. When one is travelling by horseback, one must travel light. And, having been printed in 1701, it's in truly exceptional condition for being 314 years old.

We invited the children, and the rest of the folks in the pews, to touch it. To touch our history. To touch the scriptures that became the still-speaking word of God through Pastor Boehm. To touch the promise of our future. It was a powerful moment—touching the symbol of what has shaped us as a people. God's people. May we never forget.

Peace,

*Pastor Bill*





Have you heard the one about...

Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

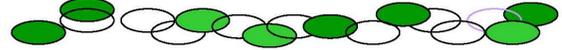
A: It gets toad away.

Q: What do you call a pig that does karate?

A: A pork chop.

Knock, knock.  
 Who's there?  
 Ach.  
 Ach who?  
 Bless you! Need a tissue?

Fun for Creatures great and small



WISDOM CALLS

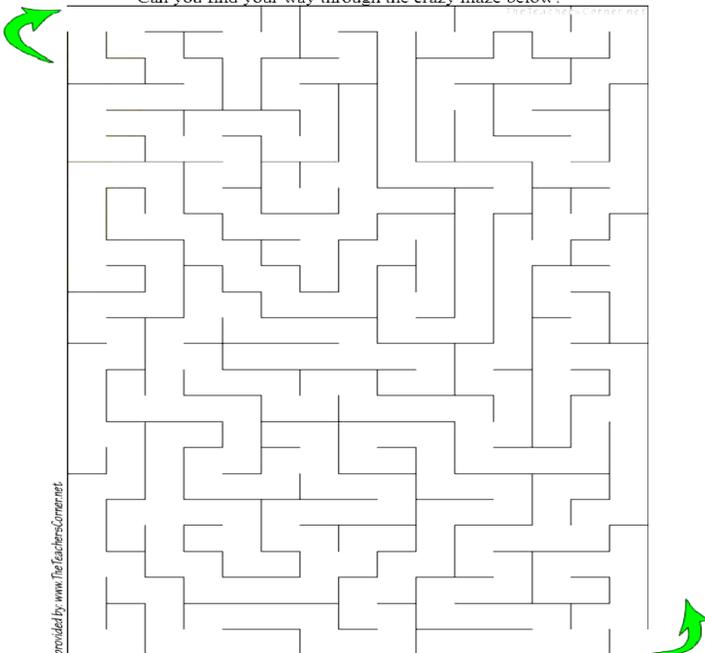
FIND THE WORDS WITH **BOLD UNDERLINE** BELOW FROM PROVERBS 8:1-4 IN THE WORD SEARCH PUZZLE AND CIRCLE.

- Doesn't wisdom call?
- Doesn't understanding raise her voice?
- On the hills along the road,  
 at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- beside the city gates in of the town.
- In the gates themselves, she cries out,
- "Women and men, people everywhere, I'm calling out to you!  
 I cry out to all humankind." *The Inclusive Bible, the First Egalitarian Translation*

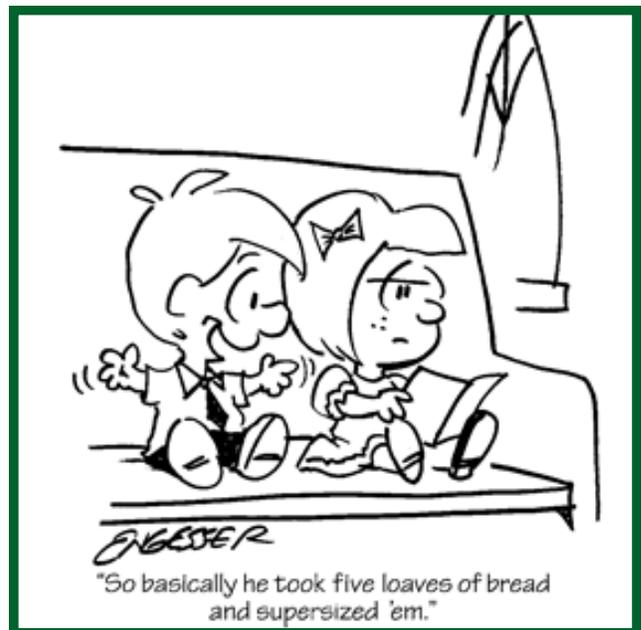
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**May 2015****MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour Sponsors</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Sunday School Teachers</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2015</b>	Al Slingluff	Diana & Gary Rau	Anniversary!	Tori Middleton	No class
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2015</b>	Dara Rowles	Al Slingluff & Mike Rowles	Rebe & Gary Williams	Shane Rowles	Joanie Weidner & Tori Middleton
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17, 2015</b>	Catharine Coryell	Lorraine Nowlan & Marie Hagner		Bella Rowles	Rebe Williams & Tori Middleton
<b>Day of Pentecost May 24, 2015 Memorial Day</b>	Diana Rau	Bob McKinney & Joe Rosiek		Angela McKinney	Rebe Williams & Tori Middleton
<b>May 31, 2015 First Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Mike Rowles	Judy Keller & Gary Williams		Shane Rowles	Diana Rau & Tori Middleton

**June 2015****MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Fellowship Hour Sponsors</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Sunday School Teachers</b>
<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost June 7, 2015</b>	Lorraine Nowlan	Diana & Gary Rau		Tori Middleton	Diana Rau & Tori Middleton
<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost June 14, 2015</b>	Fran Slingluff	Al Slingluff & Mike Rowles	Wedding Sunday reception	Shane Rowles	Joanie Weidner & Tori Middleton (last class)
<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2015</b>	Pat Delp	Lorraine Nowlan & Marie Hagner	Youth Sunday picnic	Bella Rowles	Youth Sunday celebrating Sunday School in worship
<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2015</b>	Judy Keller	Bob McKinney & Joe Rosiek		Angela McKinney	

## Boehm's Calendar for May & June

### Sunday, May 3

- ◆ Worship & Anniversary celebration @ 10 am

### Sunday, May 10

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am

### Monday, May 11

- ◆ Brownies @ 6:30 pm

### Sunday, May 17

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ COG group @ 11:30 am

### Tuesday, May 19

- ◆ History meeting @ 11 am

### Wednesday, May 20

- ◆ Consistory @ 7:00 pm

### Sunday, May 24

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.
- ◆ Benefit concert @ 4 pm

### Sunday, May 31

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.

### Sunday, June 7

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.

### Sunday, June 14

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.
- ◆ Wedding Sunday!

### Sunday, June 21

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.
- ◆ Youth Sunday
- ◆ Services move to FH for the summer!

### Sunday, June 28

- ◆ Worship @ 10 a.m.

## PSEC Spring Meeting

**Saturday, June 6th**

at

Harold O. Davis Memorial UCC  
in Philadelphia

The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference is blessed by diversity in all its forms. The spring meeting will be celebrating this diversity and the divine image in which we are all created. Go to [PSEC.org](http://PSEC.org) for more information.

Please see Pastor Bill by May 28th if you would like to join him in attending this meeting of our conference.



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### Other Meetings at Boehm's:

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Brownie Girl Scouts  
Alternate Mondays, 6:30 pm

Phila Grace and Truth Church  
Worship: Sundays, 12:30 pm  
Bible Study: Fridays, 7:30 pm

Society of Christian Scientists  
Worship: Sundays, 11:00 a.m.  
Readings: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.