



May & June 2016

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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The Historic Cemetery of Boehm's Church

will be open for

Walking Tours on May 21st

Come and visit the graves of notable residents and hear, in the "spirit" of the departed (through historic character reenactments), their stories!

You can also look up family names in Boehm's books, talk with our church historians, and enjoy some refreshments!

When and Where?

May 21, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Boehm's Church at 571 Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike, Blue Bell, PA

Questions?

Call 215-646-6132 or visit www.Boehmschurch.com

Pentecost Sunday!

Sunday, May 15th



Remember to wear
RED
on Pentecost!



Celebration Sunday & Church Picnic!

Sunday, June 12th

Please join us for a special Sunday Worship Service—Celebration Sunday — on June 15th 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 recognizing and celebrating the ministries of the Church—especially the Sunday School program. There will be a presentation of attendance certificates to the Sunday School students.

The annual church picnic will follow the worship service – a signup sheet to bring food and other items is on the bulletin board in the narthex.



From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Dear Friends of Boehm's Church,

Soon, we will be celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit, and the great birthday of the Church—Pentecost!

As I've shared with you before, one of my favorite bloggers, Greg Kandra, argues that Pentecost may well be the most neglected of the church's holy days. We don't hang lights like we do at Christmas. We don't wear fancy hats or eat lots of candy like we do at Easter. There are no special peeps shape like flames or descending doves. There are no big Pentecost sales at Kohl's. But maybe there should be.

I don't think we give this holiday the credit or attention it deserves. Part of that may be because the one who dwells at the center of this holiday, the Holy Spirit, is surprisingly low key. Despite arriving with a roaring of wind and tongues of fire, the Spirit is very much someone who likes to stay in the background.

She works behind the scenes.

To many of us, the Holy Spirit seems to be the quietest member of the Trinity. After all, in sacred scripture, the Father-Mother speaks often, and so does Jesus of Nazareth. But you'd be hard-pressed to find famous quotes from the Holy Spirit. It sometimes seems as if the Spirit is the Trinity's silent partner.

But, I'd like to suggest that, in fact, the Spirit does speak. Eloquently. Passionately. Fearlessly. And she continues to be heard, even today. It began in the Acts of the Apostles, and the account of Pentecost:

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Moments after her descent, the Spirit gave the disciples a voice – a voice that could not be contained in that upper room, a voice that needed to be spread to the wider world.

The Holy Spirit has spent the ensuing centuries expressing the inexpressible – from the mouths of saints and the pens of theologians and prophets, gently but insistently making sure that the world continues to hear, in every language, in every medium, across every barrier, the good news about the mighty acts of God. The Holy Spirit has worked to inspire, to encourage, to uplift. She has inflamed hearts, again and again, to preach and to proclaim, to counsel and to console, to serve and to care.

And, today, we are the inheritors of that voice. There may not be flames above our heads; but, may their be flames beneath our...let's say, feet. May we, too, be inspired, encouraged and lifted up!

Peace,
Pastor Bill



Looking To Make A Mark—Historical Landmark!

The History Committee is working at getting Boehm's Church listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Boehm's Church would benefit from this designation through eligibility for state and federal preservation grants and protections. It would not, however, restrict Boehm's Church in future restoration or development projects.

The first step in the process is to seek nomination to the National Register by the Pennsylvania Bureau for Historic Preservation. The History Committee is currently compiling documentation in support of meeting the qualifying criteria for nomination. Based on the criteria, the History Committee believes Boehm's Church will qualify due to the historical significance of John Philip Boehm as the founding father of the German Reformed Church in the colonies; the presence of the stained glass windows by William Reith; and, the historical extensiveness of Boehm's cemetery.

If you'd like to help with this "historic" endeavor, please speak with Fran Slingluff or come to the next meeting of the Registry Team!



Members of the History Committee (Judy Kelly, Connie Artis, Fran and Al Slingluff, Fran Treisbach & Pat Delp) at work!

Memorial Sunday!

Sunday, May 29th



Join us for a time of remembrance during the worship service on Memorial Sunday!

"Tuesdays with Jesus &

The Kingdom of God" Bible Study

How did Jesus understand the Kingdom of God?

How did the ministry and teachings of Jesus shift the meaning of "Messiah"?

Come join us as we continue an on-going Bible Study on the historical Jesus and the "Kin-dom." The format of the study consists of scripture studies and teaching moments led by Pastor Bill, supplemental video from the curriculum *"First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God"* featuring John Dominic Crosson and Marcus Borg, and spirited conversation from the participants. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

The Study group will meet at
**7:00 p.m. on May 3rd,
17th, & 31st and June 14th
and 28th** in the Pastor's
Study.



Benefit Concert: Last Chance Ranch Animal Rescue

On **May 22nd**, Boehm's Church is blessed to host a charity concert featuring the vocal talents of Marie Hagner's High Note Vocals Voice Studio.

The concert will benefit the Last Chance Ranch Animal Rescue (LCR) which is a public volunteer, non-profit (501c3) organization committed to rescuing and rehabilitating horses and domestic companion animals. Last Chance Ranch Animal Rescue is dedicated to promoting and educating the public about the humane and responsible treatment of horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules (equines) and other domestic companion animals (including dogs and cats). LCR provides a safe and secure refuge for abused, unwanted or neglected animals. It has a new facility that can be used for temporary housing for any species in the event of a disaster. LCR rehabilitates the physical and psychological issues of these rescued animals and places them into new homes where they receive the love, attention and care they deserve. Their follow-up programs, education seminars and clinics ensure the animals' continued wellbeing. LCR is also partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, ASPCA and the United States Humane Society.

Come on out and enjoy the concert! It's your "Last Chance" for the season!



Benefit Concert

*For: Last Chance Ranch
Quakertown, Pa.*

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

Date: Sunday May 22, 2016 at 4PM

Featuring:

***High Note Voices
Singers from all over the
North Penn Area***

*A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Charity.
Reception immediately following the performance
Parking in the front of the Church and across the street
For more information, call 215 362-8685 or visit
www.highnotevocals.com*

A Special Thanks!

Marie Hagner has done an amazing job organizing concerts each month to benefit different groups. The total concert donations from Sept., 2015 - Apr., 2016 was \$3,163.00! Matching funds from the Smullen Fund have added to the donations. What an excellent way to reach out to the community!

Plus... Many thanks to Marie also for all the times she has arranged for her students to provide special music for worship services. The music has really enriched worship. The congregation is grateful!



- 4 Connie Artis
- 8 Marie Hagner
- 9 Meredith MacVittie
- 16 Bob McKinney
- 20 Lorraine Nowlan
- 24 Oliver Will



- 1 Michael Rowles
- 4 Chaz Rowe
- 7 Diana Rau
- 20 Bob Whittock
- 24 Jackie Rowe
- 25 Samantha Bresnan



Get Out The Vote!!

Boehm's Church, on April 26th, served as a polling place for District 2 of Blue Bell. More than 500 people showed up at the church to vote in the Pennsylvania Primary .



Montgomery County election officials approached Boehm's Church several weeks ago to ask if we would host the polling site. Normally, the district votes at a site at the Montgomery County Community College.

However, due to a traffic-challenging construction project at the college, a new location was needed. Boehm's Church was happy to step in!



The election staff was very helpful in setting up the site. Movers came the day before to get the furniture temporarily out of the parlor and to set up the voting machines that had been previously delivered. The election day staff was terrific and all went smoothly—a witness to the democratic process!

Many of the voters that came through the door commented on how nice it was to see the church up close after driving by it for much of their lives. Many expressed interest in the history of the church and took the opportunity to check out the sanctuary and Boehm's stained glass windows. One voter commented on how beautiful the cemetery looked with the blooming flora.

Hopefully the church will continue to be a polling place in future elections!



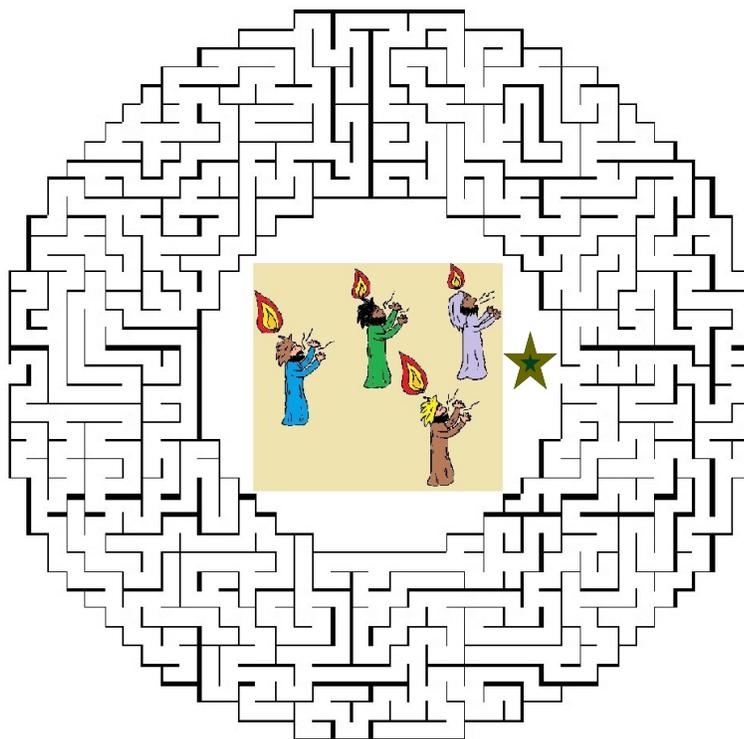
HELP WANTED

Do you enjoy the fellowship time after the worship service each week? Time to talk is sweet and so are the snacks provided for that time! We need your help to provide those snacks...the schedule on the bulletin board is often empty. Please consider signing up. Your fellow worshippers will really appreciate you!





PENTECOST MAZE



In my
FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

Pentecost
Acts 2

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JESUS	RESURRECTION	FIFTY
DAYS	FEAST	HOLY
SPIRIT	PETER	JERUSALEM
TONGUES	FIRE	CHURCH

MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP

May 2016

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Sponsors	Acolyte	Sunday School Teachers
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016	Pat Delp	Mike Rowles & Judy Keller	Meredith MacVittie & Oliver Will	Tori Middleton	Joanie Weidner & Rebe Williams
Third Sunday of Easter May 8, 2016	Lorraine Nowlan	Meredith MacVittie & Oliver Will		Shane Rowles	Joanie Weidner & Rebe Williams
Day of Pentecost May 15, 2016	Mike Rowles	Marie Hagner & Gary Williams	Florie McKinney	Bella Rowles	Diana Rau & Tori Middleton
First Sunday after Pentecost May 22, 2016	Pat Delp	Al Slingluff & Mike Rowles		Angela McKinney	Diana Rau & Tori Middleton
Second Sunday after Pentecost May 29, 2016	Judy Keller	Diana & Gary Rau		Angela McKinney	Diana Rau & Tori Middleton

June 2016

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Sponsors	Acolyte	Sunday School Teachers
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 5, 2016	Judy Keller	Marie Hagner & Mike Rowles		Tori Middleton	Joanie Weidner & Rebe Williams
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 12, 2016	Meredith MacVittie	Meredith MacVittie & Oliver Will	Church picnic	Shane Rowles	No Sunday school until September
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 19, 2016	Diana Rau	Marie Hagner & Mike Rowles	Meredith MacVittie & Oliver Will	Bella Rowles	No Sunday school until September
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost June 26, 2016	Fran Slingluff	Diana & Gary Rau		Angela McKinney	No Sunday school until September

Boehm's Calendar for May and June

Sunday, May 1

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am

Sunday, May 8

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am

Tuesday, May 10

- ◆ History meeting @ 3 pm
- ◆ Brownies meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 15

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ COG mtg @ 11:15 am

Wednesday, May 16

Consistory meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, May 17

- ◆ Bible Study @ 7 pm

Saturday, May 21

- ◆ Cemetery tour event @ 1 pm

Sunday, May 22

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ Benefit concert @ 4 pm

Tuesday, May 24

- ◆ Brownies meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 29

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ Memorial Day weekend

Tuesday, May 31

- ◆ Bible Study @ 7 pm

Sunday, June 5

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ Last Sunday School class!

Tuesday, June 7

- ◆ Last Brownies meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 12

- ◆ Celebration Sunday Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ Worship moves to FH
- ◆ Church picnic!

Tuesday, June 14

- ◆ Bible Study @ 7 pm

Wednesday, June 15

- ◆ Consistory meeting @ 7 pm

Sunday, June 19

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ COG meeting @ 11 am

Sunday, June 26

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am

Tuesday, June 28

- ◆ Bible study @ 7 pm



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Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
to 1:00 p.m.

Pastor: The Rev. William A Middleton
Office Administrator : Carol Pfister

We're on the web: www.boehmschurch.com

Visit us on Facebook!

Other Meetings at Boehm's:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Brownie Girl Scouts
Alternate Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

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