



November & December 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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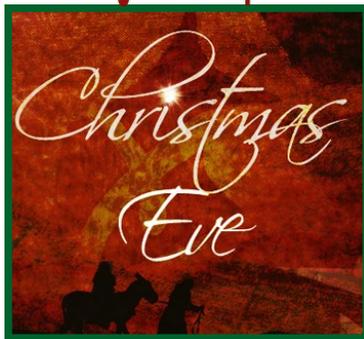
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The Liberty Belles Are Coming!

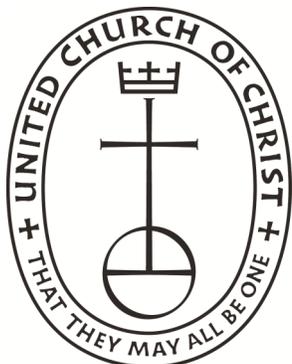


The Liberty Belles Barbershop Chorus, an all-female a cappella group that sings in the barbershop style is coming to Boehm's Church on **Sunday, November 15th!** The concert will start at **4:00 p.m.** There will be a freewill offering taken during the concert to support their music ministry. To learn more about the Liberty Belles, please visit www.thelibertybelleschorus.com.

Candlelight Worship Service



December 24th
7:00 p.m.



"Tuesdays with Jesus & The Kingdom of God" Bible Study

Why did Jesus come when he did? Why did it happen where it did? How was the status quo of Roman imperial governance and theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message still continues to indict empire-thinking today? Come join us as we begin a five-week Bible study on the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Come explore the "Advent" of the Messiah.

The study will take place on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on November 10th, 17th and 24th, and December 8th and 15th.

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.



All Saints Sunday, November 1st, is Daylight Savings!

Don't Forget to set your clocks back one hour!





From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Dear Friends of Boehm's Church,

I love autumn. It is my favorite season of the year. If there were ever a time when nature calls us to relax into transition, embrace change, be willing to let go...it is fall. The autumn leaves are a poetic sermon as they turn from green to gold, orange, red and brown, flutter from the trees and blanket the earth...never once complaining that they are no longer what they were or that things are changing without their consent.

As I look among our family here at Boehm's Church, there are many of us facing difficult moments in the journey of life. There are many of us facing daunting diagnoses, the loss of dear ones, challenges in our lives to which we didn't give consent. Personally, I do like having things my way...and I can get stubborn about change. Perhaps you know what I'm talking about in your own lives. But, faith requires us to learn to let go, to adapt, to change...to surrender to and trust God with the changes that are an inevitable part of life's journey.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, as we travel together in community from fall to winter, with it's stark beauty and the promise of the coming of Emmanuel, let us remind ourselves that, although change is often a challenge for us, "no one stands alone." God is with us through all of life's seasons. And, we, as a church family, stand beside one another through it all as well. Huddle close to the fire of God's love as winter approaches. In drawing near to the light and warmth that is God, we draw nearer to one another.

Peace,

Pastor Bill



All Saints Sunday

November 1st

10:00 a.m.

Please join us on All Saint's Sunday, on November 1st, when we remember and celebrate the lives of those saints of the church who have died this past year. There will also be a time of recognition and appreciation for those "saints" in our lives, both living and passed, who have been witnesses of God's grace and love to us. Please join us for this special communion worship service.



Costume Parade

Sunday, November 1st,

Boehm's Church will be holding its annual costume parade at the end of the worship service.

Children of all ages (2-102) are invited to wear their Halloween costumes.

Folks are also encouraged to bring that leftover candy from home and share it with the children!



Veterans Sunday

November 8th

10:00 a.m.

During the worship service, there will be a time of recognition for our veterans and those who are currently serving.

On **Wednesday, November 11th, Veteran's Day**, Boehm's Church will toll the church bell eleven times at **11:00 a.m.** and hold a brief moment of remembrance in honor of those who have served, or are serving, our nation and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. If able, we invite you, wherever you are, to observe a moment of silent reflection and appreciation at that designated hour.

Benefit Concerts: Laurel House & Horsham Project Hero

During the months of November and December, Boehm's Church is blessed to host two charity concerts featuring the vocal talents of Marie Hagner's High Note Vocals Voice Studio.



Benefit Concert

For: Horsham Project Hero
571 Penlyn Blue Bell Pike
Blue Bell, Pa. 19422
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 4pm



Featuring:
Singers From All Over The North Penn Area



Sponsored by: High Note Vocals Voice Studio
www.highnotevocals.com

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

The **November 22nd** concert will benefit Laurel House in Norristown which provides comprehensive domestic violence prevention services to individuals, families and communities throughout the Montgomery County area. Ms. Alice Blenner, a representative of Laurel House, will share more about this vital ministry during the worship service earlier that day.

The **December 20th** concert will benefit Project Hero at Horsham, which helps injured veterans towards fuller and quicker rehabilitation through cycling. It is affiliated with the Philadelphia VA Hospital and the National Ride2Recovery organization.

Please come and join us at **4:00 p.m.** on these dates for a delightful concert! A free-will offering will be taken during the events to support these charities. Refreshments will be provided.



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At: Boehm's United Church Of Christ
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Blue Bell, Pa. 19422
Date: Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 4pm

Featuring:
Singers from all over the North Penn Area



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



Hanging of the Greens!

**Saturday,
November 28th**

Advent begins on November 29th this year...right after Thanksgiving! So all hands are needed on deck to help "deck the halls with boughs of holly" on **Saturday, November 29th beginning at 9:00 a.m.**



Advent Potluck & Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 13th

You are invited to Boehm's Annual Christmas celebration on December 13th! There will be a potluck dinner at **5:00 p.m.** followed by the Christmas Pageant. The pageant will be an unrehearsed cacophony of Christmas creativity that involves tons of audience participation (but with absolutely no pressure or preparation!!). And, of course, there will be plenty of Christmas carols.

Afterwards, approximately around **6:30 p.m.**, there will be a holiday concert in the sanctuary featuring the Grady Family. Please sign up to bring something to the potluck dinner on the list on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Join the Christmas Eve Hand Bell Choir!

Want to be part of the Handbell Choir on Christmas Eve? There will be rehearsal practices on December 6th, 13th and 20th after the Sunday worship services. All are welcome. The ability to read music is not required!



Helping the Community

Meadowlands Country Club, our neighbor in the back, has contacted us to partner with them once again for 3 collection events this fall:

- In October they have asked their members to bring in winter coats for Laurel House and other charities;
- In November they will collect canned goods for the Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard; and,
- In December they will be collecting children's toys for the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance and Hope Gardens.



Volunteers from Boehm's are needed to help deliver the donations to the appropriate charitable group. Let Judy Keller or the office know if you would like to help deliver the donated goods. Let's be a blessing to our community!

Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard

Please join the Community Outreach Group (COG) of Boehm's Church in supporting these food and gift drives for the Cupboard! Please help if you can.



Thanksgiving Turkey Boxes

The Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard is gathering foodstuffs to prepare Thanksgiving dinner turkey boxes for neighborhood families in need. Here is their wish list to prepare Turkey Boxes:

- ⇒ Turkeys
- ⇒ Turkey Gravy
- ⇒ Yams or Sweet Potatoes
- ⇒ Dinner Rolls
- ⇒ Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ⇒ Pumpkin Pies
- ⇒ French Fried Onions
- ⇒ Cranberry Sauce
- ⇒ Boxed Stuffing

Thanksgiving is Coming Soon!!

All donations need to be in at the Cupboard by November 11th; therefore, they should be brought to the church (and left in the donation baskets at the rear of the sanctuary by

Sunday, November 8th.

Holiday Gifts For Kids!



The Cupboard has a long list of needy children in the Ambler area who will be grateful for Christmas and

Hannukah gifts....and they need OUR help!

If you and your family would like to sign up to purchase gifts for a family of children, or would like more details regarding this caring opportunity, please contact the Cupboard by emailing Janine Tarsavage at:

info@community-cupboard.org

Or, contact her via the following:

150 N Main Street Ambler, PA 19002
215-628-3002

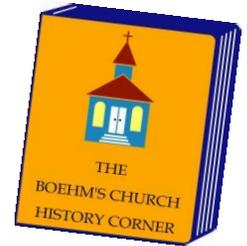
Donation hours at the Cupboard are:

Mondays & Wednesdays — 12:00—2:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays — 9:00-2:00 p.m.

Consider making a child's holiday special and let them know someone cares!

Boehm's History Corner

by Bob Whittock



The Hon. Jones Detwiler (11/11/1828- 12/15/1900) was a farmer, politician and civic activist for 50 years. He was born in Upper Dublin, came to Whitpain as a youth, and learned the wheelwright trade with Jacob Conrad in Center Square. In 1863 he purchased a 30 acre farm in the Blue Bell area. From 1874 to 1876, he was chairman of the Montgomery County Democratic Party, and from 1876 to 1878, served as a State Senator from the county. He was a manager of the Whitpain Library Company, and Secretary of the Blue Bell Livestock Insurance Company. He served as a School Director of Whitpain Township for 30 years. He was one of the Founders of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, organized in 1881, and served as President, 1889-90.

He was a long term member and official of Boehm's Reformed Church and wrote a history of the congregation for its 150th Anniversary (1890). In 1850 he began a record of deaths, in the central Montgomery County Townships, and continued this record until his death. This bound ledger book is in the possession of Boehm's Church.

Jones Detwiler along with his 1st wife Hannah E. Detwiler (Buried 11/20/1870, age 37 yr, 9mos., 24 days) and three daughters and a son are buried in Boehm's Cemetery.



The Mitten Tree Is Coming Back!

It's almost that time of year again! Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard is in need of items for their Santa's Workshop including small new gifts, mittens, scarves and hats. The Mitten tree will soon be set up in the sanctuary.

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 especially on birthday Sundays—the first of the month. Your fellow members will really appreciate you!



Christmas Poinsettias!

Keep your eye out for the annual Christmas Poinsettias Order Letter. It's coming soon!



Birthdays!



November

- 7 Helen Reiff
- 10 Rebe Williams
- 20 Pastor Jim Williams
- 24 Lily Coryell/Moore



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December

- 1 Hailey Palmer
- 4 Florie McKinney
- Bonita Grady
- 17 Loice Middleton
- 18 Gary Williams



Born king of the Jews

Matthew 2:1-2 says that after Jesus was born, wise men came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" Complete the puzzle to discover what they found in Bethlehem.

Directions: In the grid below, draw lines by starting at the first number in each list and stopping at the last.



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A Car for Christmas

Danny had recently passed his driving test and decided to ask his clergy father if there was any chance of him getting a car for Christmas, which was yet some months away.

'Okay,' said his father 'I tell you what I'll do. If you can get your grades up to 'A's and 'B's, study your bible and get your hair cut, I'll consider the matter very seriously.'

A couple of months later Danny went back to his father who said, "I'm really impressed by your commitment to your studies. Your grades are excellent and the work you have put into your bible studies is very encouraging. However, I have to say I'm very disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut yet."

Danny was a smart young man who was never lost for an answer. He said, "Look Dad, in the course of my bible studies I've noticed in the illustrations that Moses, John the Baptist, Samson and even Jesus had long hair."

"Yes. I'm aware of that," replied his father, "but did you also notice that they walked wherever they went?"



Have you heard the one about...

- Q: What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?
- A: Plymouth Rock.
- Q: Why can't you take a turkey to church?
- A: They use fowl language.
- Q: What do you call an elf who sings?
- A: A wrapper.
- Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
- A: Claustrophobic.

MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP

November 2015

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Sponsors	Acolyte	Sunday School Teachers
All Saints Day November 1, 2015	Mike Rowles	Meredith MacVittie & Oliver Will	TBD	Tori Middleton	TBD
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2015	Judy Keller	Diana & Gary Rau	TBD	Shane Rowles	TBD
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2015	Fran Slingluff	Mike Rowles & Al Slingluff	TBD	Bella Rowles	TBD
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 22, 2015	Al Slingluff	Marie Hagner & Judy Keller	TBD	Angela McKinney	TBD
First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015	Lorraine Nowlan	Joe Rosiek & Gary Williams	TBD	Angela McKinney	TBD

December 2015

Date	Lay Reader	Ushers	Fellowship Hour Sponsors	Acolyte	Sunday School Teachers
Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015	Diana Rau	Mike Rowles & Al Slingluff	TBD	Tori Middleton	TBD
Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015	Fran Slingluff	Joe Rosiek & Gary Williams	TBD	Shane Rowles	TBD
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015	Lorraine Nowlan	Marie Hagner & Judy Keller	TBD	Bella Rowles	TBD
Christmas Eve December 24, 2015	Judy Keller	Diana & Gary Rau	TBD	Tori Middleton	TBD
First Sunday after Christmas December 27, 2015	Mike Rowles	Meredith MacVittie & Oliver Will	TBD	Angela McKinney	TBD

Boehm's Calendar for November and December

Sunday, November 1

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ Costume parade @ 11 am

Tuesday, November 3

- ◆ Brownies meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 8

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am honoring Veterans
- ◆ Music & Worship committee @ 11:15

Wednesday, November 11

- ◆ Veteran's Day ringing of the bell and memorial moment @ 11 am

Sunday, November 15

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ COG meeting @ 11:15 am
- ◆ Liberty Belles concert @ 4 pm

Tuesday, November 17

- ◆ History group meeting @ 11am

Wednesday, November 18

- ◆ Consistory meeting @ 7 pm

Sunday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 28

- ◆ Hanging of the Greens @ 9 am

Sunday, November 29

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am

Sunday, December 13

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ Advent Potluck, Christmas Pageant & Concert @ 5 pm

Wednesday, December 16

- ◆ Consistory meeting @ 7 pm

Sunday, December 20

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am
- ◆ COG meeting @ 11:15 am
- ◆ Benefit concert @ 4 pm

Thursday, December 24

- ◆ Christmas Eve service @ 7 pm

Sunday, December 27

- ◆ Worship @ 10 am



Boehm's United Church of Christ

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to 1:00 p.m.

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

Other Meetings at Boehm's:

Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Brownie Girl Scouts
Alternate Tuesdays, 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.

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