



The Blawenburg Beacon

May, 2013

A newsletter for the members and friends
of *The Blawenburg Reformed Church*



Alpha/ Going Strong

Alpha has just completed its seventh of eleven weeks. The weekend away at Harvey Cedars was wonderful. We continue to experience good food and bad jokes; as well as a greater appreciation for the Holy Spirit and a deeper capacity to love one another. We are growing in our spirituality and learning to model Jesus. We praise God for guiding us, Prayers and blessings to you all.



Pictures were taken outside of the Barnegat Lighthouse on April 6th.

The Blawenburg Reformed Church is a covenant community of God's people united in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We commit our gifts to worship, hospitality, life-long learning, serving those in need, and proclaiming the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Worship Team

*We gather as a community to
celebrate God's presence among us!*

May 5	Easter Hymn Sing (Arrive by 9:50) - Nancy Curtis preaching
May 12	Communion
May 19	Pentecost
May 26	Memorial Weekend
June 5	Rev. Kenneth Bradsell preaching



Music in May

by Katie Connolly

Some younger people with parents are busy preparing musical offerings for May. On May 19, Pentecost, Linnéa and Andrea Eberly, Angelina and Shirley Wang, and Katie Connolly will be change-ringing handbells to *Plain Hunt on 5*. Change-ringing peals the bells in mathematical patterns, and it's been a lot of fun this spring for Easter and Pentecost. It's a practice that dates from the 17th century in English church towers ringing large church bells. On the same day, Linnéa and Angelina will also sing and play the violin to lead us in the hymn *HERE I AM, LORD*, a wonderful hymn to sing on Pentecost

– the verses are calls from the Lord (“Whom shall I send?”) and the refrains are our responses.

On May 26, Maria and Akemi Pugliese will share with us in prelude and postlude music that they have prepared for their piano recitals. It is lovely that so many in our community have active musical interests and will offer them in worship.



HERE I AM, LORD

Hospitality Team

“... care for those in our congregation and the greater church community. . .”

Coffee is not a perk!

Did you know that we spent \$2,000.00 on coffee, tea, and paper supplies for hot beverages last year? We exceeded our budget, so begin again to look for the coffee can near the pots at refreshment time and make a donation. We may have to resurrect our older (but cheaper) coffee pot, which takes most of the worship hour to perk, if we can't defray some of the expense of our streamlined coffee system. Thanks in advance for pitching in. Don't forget. Look for the can!



Lunch for Locals Menus

May, 2013

by Nancy Curtis

Every Tuesday, from 11:30 to 1:00, we serve lunch in Cook Hall. Lunch is served buffet style and a free-will donation is accepted (anonymously). This lunch has become a great outreach to the community. We average 25 people. I can always use extra help either during the morning hours setting up the dining room or later for kitchen clean-up. (Perk of helping—leftovers!)

Lunches will always have salad, bread and beverages

May 7	Pea & parmesan soup, chicken pot pie, cake
May 14	Tomato bisque, grilled cheese, cookies and ice cream
May 21	Chili, baked potatoes, toppings, rhubarb pie
May 28	No Lunch—Hopefully you ate lots at the Memorial Day picnics

Life-Long Learning Team

“We commit our gifts to... life-long learning...”

The Mary and Martha Prayer/Study Group will meet again after the Alpha course has finished. They will continue their discussion on Does This Church Make Me Look Fat?: A Mennonite Finds Faith, Meets Mr. Right, and Solves Her Lady Problems by Rhoda Janzen. Join them in June.

The Tuesday Morning Study Group meets in Cook Hall lounge from 10 to 11:30. They are taking a closer look at selected chapters and themes in the Old Testament. Come and share your thoughts and responses to the writings about the foundation of our faith.

The Sunday Morning Adult Group will resume after the Alpha course. They will continue their discussion on topics relating to the Heidelberg Catechism.

Missions Team

We commit our gifts to... serving those in need.

OUR 2013 LENTEN MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

\$1,429.56



Thank you to everyone who donated—we passed last year's total by \$300!

Help with Crawford House Garden

As part of our Crawford House mission, we will be working with the residents to plant and care for their vegetable and flower gardens again this year. We need some help (with tools) on two Monday evenings – May 13 and June 3 from 6:30 to 8:00. This is a great way for us to help residents learn to re-establish their lives. If you can help, please contact Ethel Terhune or Dave Cochran. Our first gardening Monday was April 22nd and the ladies planted lettuce.





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Karen Hill, Director

The students at BVS will participate in Garden Week the first week of May. We will become expert gardeners as we transform the flower beds around the schoolhouse. During the week of May 6th, we will learn about butterflies as each class watches them hatch in their classroom. We will honor our Mom's with Mother's Day activities on May 8th, 9th and 10th.

Our students will participate in a Trike-a-Thon on May 16th & 17th to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We are also very excited to have a Touch-a-Truck program at BVS on Friday, May 31st. The Montgomery Department of Public Works will bring some equipment for the students to explore, as well as materials on recycling.

Our Mom's Morning Out Program will meet on May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd & 30th. Children ages 2-6 are welcome to join us! They do not need to be registered students to attend. All sessions include Children & Worship, arts and crafts, dramatics and pretend play, music, stories, snack and outdoor time. Sessions are 9:00-12:00, and the cost is \$30.00/session. Please call or email the school if interested.

Summer Camp will be held July 8th through August 2nd, from 9:00am-1:00pm, for children ages 2.5-6. Join us for one or all of the following:

July 8th-12th Under the Big Top - The circus is coming to town!

July 15th- 19th Kids in the Kitchen - Chefs in training, make your own chef's hat and apron

July 22nd-26th Pirates and Princesses - All pirates and princesses will be creating special crafts to take to their castle!

July 29th-Aug. 2nd Wet and Wild - We will be exploring all aspects of water this week.



BVS is on Facebook so please take a minute to like our page!

BVS in the Community

Karen took her show on the road this month and shared BVS with the community. The Earth Day fair was held at Montgomery High School on April 21st and Communiversity was held in Princeton on Sunday, April 28th.

Earth Day 2013

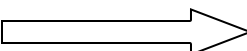


Making butterflies



Communiversity 2013

Spin for a prize—or put your name in for a drawing to win a free week at Summer camp

Craft Table 





Rummage Sale 2013

Lots of good fellowship and purchases at the Rummage Sale this year. See below for totals and the missions that the proceeds will be used for. Moving clockwise from top left: Rummage sign, Barb and Olivia, Bernice and Ginny, Evelyn & Jean, Louise, jewelry shoppers with Dot, Barb and Olivia, Shoppers, Elaine and Ginny with a shopper, Joe and Jim, two shoppers showing off their purchases, jewelry buyers, Ginny and Barbara.



Many Thanks!

Peggy and Jean would like to thank all those who contributed to make the 2013 rummage sale a success. Since Grace was hospitalized, Peggy was not able to help as much as she wanted; and, therefore, everyone who helped with the set up, sale, and clean up were deeply appreciated.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts who came in after the sale and helped pack and move the tables.

The rummage sale brought in a profit of \$3000.00!! Crawford House will receive \$600.00 and the remainder will be used to replace the front doors of the Blawenburg Village School.

Tear out or print this page . Put it on your frig.
 Make someone's day! Wish them a happy birthday or anniversary!



May 7	Olivia Vande Woude	May 24	Hope Hunt
May 10	Helen Brown	May 26	Chip Parmele
May 16	Barbara Bradsell	May 27	Don Terhune
May 22	Ethel Terhune	May 31	Eric Perkins

May 21	Sue & Scott Weingart
May 25	Elmi & Doug Hill
May 29	Barbara & Joe Pavlicek—15th

Anniversaries

Summary of Dates

See earlier articles for more details.

May 3	6:30—9:00 PM	Alpha Dinner Party (See p. 1.)
May 5	9:50 AM	Easter Hymn Sing and Worship, Nancy Curtis preaching
May 10	6:30—9 PM	Alpha Dinner Party (See p. 1.)
May 11	1:30 PM	Eagle Scout Presentation - Sanctuary
May 12	10:00 AM	Worship and Communion (Mother's Day)
May 13	6:30—8:00 PM	Crawford House Gardening (See p. 4.)
May 16&17	Morning	BVS Trike-a-Thon (Children helping St. Jude's Children.) (See p. 5.)
May 19	10:00 AM	Pentecost Sunday
May 26	10:00 AM	Memorial Day Weekend Worship
May 27	All day	Deadline for June Beacon information
May 31	Morning	BVS Touch-a-Truck program (See p. 5.)

Sundays	10:00 AM	Worship with Dr. Sharman unless otherwise posted
Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Bible Study - Cook Hall lounge (See p. 4.)
	11:30 AM	Lunches with Locals (See page 3 for menus.)

Plan Ahead

June 3	6:30—8:00 PM	Crawford House Gardening (See p. 4.)
June 5	10:00 AM	The Rev. Kenneth Bradsell preaching

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