



Boulevard Presbyterian Church's

Good News

Reaching out to make disciples.

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Community Block Party 2011

Sunday, September 18th

2:00-7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 18th from 2-7 p.m.!** The 3rd annual Boulevard Community Block party will be here before you know it!

We'll have some of the favorites from years past – the Bounce House and Luke the Balloon Guy, as well as musical entertainment by the **Grandview High School Jazz Band** and our very own **Merri Bame and her band No Excuses!** We'll also have some adoptable dogs from Pets Without Parents. And we can't forget the food! Sno Cones and cotton candy, grilled hot dogs and hamburgers (served with tomatoes from our own Community Garden)!

This is a big event and so we will need many, many volunteers. Look for sign-ups in the lounge to help with publicity, set-up, tear-down, food, games, face painting, crafts and more. We need lots of people to bring brownies as well. Please help make this a true community event by helping out where you can and of course, inviting your friends and neighbors to attend. Don't forget to tell them **EVERYTHING IS FREE** and they can register in a drawing for a free Kindle!! If you have questions or would like to help with planning, please contact a member of Discipleship Team: Ginny Achtermann, Amy Creighton and Steve Hills!

Kids Club

Wednesdays from 4:30-6:15 p.m.

Beginning September 14th

This fall, a new ministry will be beginning here at Boulevard! Kids Club is a midweek program for children in preschool through fifth grade. The evening will consist of games, art, Bible stories, on-site service projects, and dinner. Kids Club will run on **Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. beginning September 14th.** We are so excited about this new ministry! There are many things that **YOU** can do to help. First, pray for this ministry, the children who will be impacted, and their families. Second, donate food and supplies. A list will be coming out shortly which will give food items and craft supplies that you can donate. Finally, you can help by giving of your own time. We will need cooks in the kitchen to help prepare dinner, adults to oversee crafts and games, and most importantly people to build relationships with the kids. Sign your kids up soon! Also, help us get the word out, by inviting your neighbors, friends, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or coworker's children. All are welcome! Registration packets can be found in the main office. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact **Jeremy Roberts 614-486-0267 ext. 16.**



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The other day I happened to attend a pair of Ministry Team meetings one right after the other. And in both of these meetings there was a discussion on how hard it is to find volunteers in the church. In the weeks before this I had also heard about the difficulties finding volunteers for Vacation Bible School. And this is hardly restricted to Boulevard. I hear the same thing from many congregations. It is a source of frustration for pastors and other church leaders more places than not.

Sometimes this situation is simply taken to be the given in church life. I've heard the adage for much of my church life, "Ten percent of the people do ninety percent of the work." I've certainly seen this adage in action, but when the topic of volunteers came up repeatedly in recent weeks, I wondered if this wasn't a divine nudge of sorts. I can be fairly slow about such things, but I have learned over the years that God sometimes puts a topic in my line of sight over and over until it dawns on me to take a fresh look at it. And I wondered if God wasn't saying to me that I'm supposed to do something other than simply respond, "That's just how things are," to this frustration about volunteers.

And so I have been doing some reflecting on the topic of late and thought I might share some of my reflections with you. The first is that we on the "recruiting" side of the equation are sometimes our own worst enemy. We stick a note in the bulletin or newsletter and when we're not immediately inundated with people we recall our self-fulfilling prophecy, "See, I knew no one would volunteer." Even worse, I have sometimes heard people complain about not finding volunteers without ever asking. They just go ahead and assume the worst. And so if we are looking for volunteers, we need to make sure that people know about the need.

But we also need to ensure that people understand what the need is. For example, right now the Christian Education folks are looking for people to be "Shepherds" in the Sunday School Rotation program for young children. This is a remarkably easy job with no planning or preparing Sunday School lessons. Shepherds accompany a class as they move each week from one "rotation" to another. Each rotation has its own teachers, and the Shepherds are more like chaperones. But I suspect there are many people who would make great Shepherds who don't even know what they are.

But if church staff and leaders need to do a better job of letting people know about and understand the volunteer needs in the church, we all need to remember that church is supposed to be a body where each member has an important role to play. God gives talents and gifts to each of us that are to be used in "building up the body of Christ," the Church. To go back to the Shepherd example, each time someone is baptized, the entire congregation promises "to guide and nurture (the baptized) by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church." In other words, each one of us has promised God that we will do our part to help the baptized learn the meaning of being in Christ. We have all promised to help shepherd them in following Jesus.

These baptismal promises that we make are rooted in the fact that every single one of us is *called*. We are all called to follow Jesus, and we are all called to help one another in that walk. Additionally, each of us is called to specific tasks and activities that knit us into the body of Christ. Yet I routinely hear people speak in ways that imply they aren't included in this. These folks seem to imagine themselves without gifts, thinking that God would never call them because they don't have the abilities needed.

The other day in a staff meeting, Jeremy shared a simple but profound statement he had heard. "God does not call the equipped; God equips the called." That is certainly true when we look at the first disciples Jesus calls. I doubt many nominating committees would have picked any of the 12 Jesus chose. Their résumés had little to recommend: fishermen, a tax collector. They could not have been less likely candidates to lead a church. But Jesus calls them nonetheless.

And perhaps this is the last piece of the *volunteer* puzzle. We aren't talking about finding *volunteers*. Rather we are asking, "Who is Jesus calling to do this so that together we can be his body to the world?" What is Jesus calling you to do? And if you don't know, how can we help you discover your call?

Peace in Christ,



**International Mission Trip
July 15-23, 2012**

The recent drive to raise funds for Heifer International has spurred interest in an International Mission Trip to Honduras to see Heifer International at work. A maximum of 18 people are invited to participate in this mission trip next July. A minimum of 10 people are required for the trip. The mission trip will be one week in length and is open to persons 14 years of age and older. Youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Keep your eyes and ears open for your chance to reserve your spot!

The cost of the mission trip is estimated to be \$2,000 per person with a \$500 deposit when confirming your participation. The international mission trip committee is planning fundraising activities to help defray the cost of the trip.

The beginning of the trip will consist of a tour of the farms helped through Heifer International. The mission group will then assist families in preparing for the animals they will receive from Heifer.

There will be scholarships available to help defray the costs for the youth that participate. This is an exciting opportunity to live out our calling to be Christ in the world. Every month we plan on providing updates on this mission trip in the newsletter.

Community Garden Update!

Have you seen the raised beds along the 2nd Avenue sidewalk?! You can hardly miss them they are bursting with so much growth! They are definitely the talk of the neighborhood! In just a two-week period we have already delivered over 20 pounds of green beans, squash and zucchini to Neighborhood Services and NNEMAP food pantries and the harvest has barely begun!



We also have a plot at Wallace Community garden where we've planted more low-maintenance vegetables such as sweet potatoes and onions. We gather **every Wednesday evening at the raised beds at 7 p.m.** to weed and water. We pick vegetables at the same time and also **after worship services on Sunday.** We invite anyone who is interested (whether or not you have a green thumb!) to participate in this much needed and community-building mission. At the very least you'll learn something new about gardening and may be inspired to plant your own garden!

We also **need help transporting the vegetables to the food pantries** on Mondays and Thursdays after we harvest them. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please talk to Amy Creighton or Jody Huggins. You can also get on an email distribution list for our Community Garden updates by adding your name to the list in the lounge, or sending an email to rake@blvdchurch.org. Don't miss out!!

**Coming This Fall:
Electronic Church Newsletters!!**

In an effort to reduce our paper and mailing costs, this Fall we will begin using email as the primary method for delivering the **Good News Newsletter**. (You can already view the newsletter on the church website.)

For this to work, we need your current email address. Please email the church office to verify your preferred email address. We will place print copies in the narthex and lounge for those of you without email.

And we will still mail newsletters to those who cannot get them any other way. Please let the office know if you need us to mail a copy to you. Thanks for your help!



Presbyterian Women

Whenever Christians respond to God's love, we celebrate and we share. This may be a prayer of thanksgiving, an outpouring of kindness or a gift of money.

Whatever the response, it is an act of sharing, celebration and giving hope.

GIFTS OF HOPE

**Boulevard PW Giving
September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011**

Presbyterian Mission Support

PW/PSV Mission Pledge	\$1,062.50
Support of PW in Presbytery/Synod	70.00
Least Coin	13.67
Thank Offering	297.00
Birthday Offering	233.00
Mother's Day Cards for Mission	7.00
Silent Auction Monies to Missions	220.00
Special Donation to PW Missions	250.00
Fayette County Food Pantry	50.00
PDA/Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	<u>250.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>2,453.17</u>

Local Community Missions

Church Women United Emergency Fund	50.00
Boulevard Deacons' Christmas Baskets	250.00
Boulevard Christmas in June	50.00
Flowers for Worship Service	30.00
Boulevard Vacation Bible School	200.00
Boulevard Quilters ~ Deacons' Christmas Baskets	100.00
Boulevard Quilters ~ NNEMAP	<u>100.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>780.00</u>

Grand Total **\$3,233.17**



Many thanks for your prayers, cards and expressions of love concerning my surgery and recovery. Special thanks go to James for his visits and prayers. I have now

completed my radiation and Chemotherapy treatments. I miss participating in worship at Boulevard and hope to be back soon. I'm glad the sermons are available on the internet.

Barbara Frautschi

**PW Bible Study Begins
Thursday, September 8th
10:30 a.m. in the Lounge**

The Boulevard Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will begin **Thursday, September 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge.**

This year the title is **Confessing the Beatitudes**. "The Beatitudes are some of the most beloved teachings of Jesus, yet they may well be some of the most pointed. We may miss their point, however, if we do not study them within their literary, historical and cultural contexts." (From a publication of *Presbyterian Women*.) If you will not have a Bible study book, a printed page with scripture verses and information about the lesson will be available for you to pick up. There are nine lessons. All women and guests are welcome to participate.

**Mission Project
Wednesday, September 28th
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

On **Wednesday, September 28th** there will be a work session from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. with Mary Hoyt to make "marble goodie bags" for the children in Honduras. Mary spoke to us about her mission work in Honduras last year. She will help us make the bags and also provide lunch. Save and bring fabric to cut into pieces for the bags. More information will be provided in the September Good News.

**Women's Monthly
Potluck Brunch
Saturday, August 27th
11:00 a.m.**



Our next brunch will be held **Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111.** We will gather for a potluck brunch, fellowship and ongoing discussion, as individuals and as a group, about our faith journeys, our spiritual growth and / or service opportunities as we feel led by God. Please sign the sheet in the Lounge to let us know that you're planning to attend and bring your favorite potluck item! Feel free to invite a friend!

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!

Psalm 100:1

This September, the sounds of Boulevard's music program will once again swell. This is an exciting time of year! Music is such an important part of our communal worship. The great author, Victor Hugo, once said that "music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent." Surely, this is what makes music so special in worship. There are days when we cannot express in words the joy and the love that are ours in Christ...yet, we are overflowing. There are times when the pain and the hurt we are feeling are too great to put into words. Sometimes we can't seem to tell, even God, how we feel. Sometimes we desperately need to feel a part of a community...a part of something bigger than just ourselves. Music is able to give voice to all these feelings and more. It gives praise to God in a way that nothing else can. That is why music is so integral to our worship. I hope that those of you, who have been a part of the music program in the past, will again join with us as we begin rehearsals in September. Perhaps others of you have been contemplating joining, the choir, the bell choir, or music team. Well, now is a great time to do so! If you have any questions about any of the music groups here at Boulevard, please don't hesitate to contact me, **Jeremy Roberts 614-486-0267 ext. 16**. And don't forget, that even if you don't join one of our musical groups here at the church, that doesn't get you off the hook from the exhortation of Psalm 100. We are all called to "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" So sing those hymns and songs with gusto and fervor!



Chancel Choir: Thursdays 7:30 – 9:00
Music Team: Thursdays at 6:00
Bells Te Deum: Sundays 6:30 – 7:30
Joyful Noise: Wednesdays 6:15 -7:00
 (Children's Choir for K – 5th)

First Rehearsal: September 8th
Currently Rehearsing
First Rehearsal: September 11th
First Rehearsal: September 14th



A Wedding Celebration!

As many of you already know, Jeremy Roberts is getting married here at Boulevard on **Saturday, August 20th**! Because Boulevard has become such a special place for Jeremy; Mandy and Jeremy would like any and all of you to be able to be a part of the joy of the day. So, they want you to know that this is an open church wedding and all of you are welcomed and encouraged to come and worship that day, and be a part of the celebration of the love Christ gives to us all and the love that he has given to Mandy and Jeremy. The wedding is at 11:00 a.m., with pre-service music beginning at 10:30 a.m.



Local Mission Opportunities

NNEMAP Food Pantry

The next Food Mission Sunday is **August 28th** (the fourth Sunday of each month), and our needs this month are:

- ♦ Canned Chicken
- ♦ Powdered Milk
- ♦ Bars of Hand Soap (Not Liquid)

Brown grocery bags are always needed.

Don't throw them away!

The shampoo, soap, lotion and coffee packets that hotels provide for guests are ideal for NNEMAP clients, particularly the homeless. Bring these items with your monthly food donations and they will be distributed at the pantry!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Boulevard Kickball is back...



**Total Depravity
 (Boulevard's Kickball Team)
 is taking sign-ups NOW.**

Ever want to relive your childhood afternoons of fresh cut grass, a brand new rubber ball as big as your face, and some ice cream afterwards? Well, get excited because Kickball is back at Boulevard! This year, Total Depravity looks to reclaim its winning ways after making it into the playoffs last year.

You can be part of the continued legacy! We have 20 Roster spots available & room for many alternates. Games are Sunday evenings during late July - Early September.

****Sign Up in the Lounge****

New Pictorial Directory Calling all smiles!

Beginning mid September you will have an opportunity to sign up to have that smile captured for Boulevard's new picture directory coming later this fall. Watch for all the details in next month's newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins beginning in August.



Endowment Fund Committee Seeking Applications

Applications for funds will be accepted during the month of August and will be ruled on the second week of September.

Brochures and application forms are available on the table in the narthex, the table in the lounge, and the glass case by the office door.

**The application deadline is
 August 31, 2011.**

Contributions and Expenses June 2011		
	Actual	Budget
Contributions	24,973.09	32,749.99
Expenses	<u>27,501.69</u>	<u>33,264.47</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	<u>(2,528.60)</u>	<u>(514.48)</u>
Year-to-Date		
Contributions	176,540.88	163,749.95
Expenses	<u>186,542.88</u>	<u>166,322.35</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	<u>(10,002.00)</u>	<u>(2,572.40)</u>

Participants Needed for Eye Study!

Individuals over the age of 60 with healthy eyes are needed to participate in an eye study at the OSU Eye and Ear Clinic at 915 Olentangy River Road. The study seeks to find a better way to detect and monitor the progression of glaucoma, an ocular condition that causes progressive loss of peripheral vision. The study will take approximately 2 hours and participants will receive a restaurant gift certificate for their time. Eligible individuals will have had no prior eye surgery (laser, cataract etc.) and no ocular disease. Please contact **Zarina Sharalaya at (513)460-6993** or email zarina.sharalaya@osumc.edu for more information!

Going in the Hospital? Going into a Rehab Facility? Know Someone Who Is? Hospitals and Rehab Facilities Don't Tell the Church

An all too common occurrence at BPC is learning of members' hospitalization or stay in a rehab facility after they have already returned home. Hospitals and rehab facilities no longer inform us of members being admitted, even if patients check the box asking them to do so.

Please let us know if you are in the hospital or other facility. And if you hear about someone there, call the church office. Don't assume we know. We would rather hear about it 5 or 6 times than not find out at all. Thanks!

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 am Staff AA 7:30 pm AA	3 9:00 am Quilters NA 7:30 pm NA	4 6:00 pm Music Team FA 7:00 pm FA 7:30 pm GA	5	6
7 Cents-Ability Sunday 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary	8 1:00 pm Staff Deacons WAM 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	9 7:00 pm Discipleship Property AA 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	10 9:00 am Quilters NA 7:30 pm NA	11 6:00 pm Music Team FA 7:00 pm FA 7:30 pm GA	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary 11:30 am Ice Cream Social	15 10:00 am FAP Christian Ed 7:00 pm	16 10:00 am Staff AA 7:30 pm AA	17 9:00 am Quilters NA 7:30 pm NA	18 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm Music Team FA 7:00 pm FA 7:30 pm GA	19 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	20 10:30 am Wedding Mandy Oleson and Jeremy Roberts
21 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary	22 1:00 pm Staff Session 7:00 pm	23 7:30 pm AA	24 9:00 am Quilters NA 7:30 pm NA	25 Newsletter Mailing 6:00 pm Music Team FA 7:00 pm FA 7:30 pm GA	26	27 11:00 am Women's Potluck Brunch
28 Food Mission Sunday 9:00 am Worship: Chapel 9:50 am Coffee Connector 10:30 am Worship: Sanctuary 11:30 am Ice Cream Social 11:45 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	29	30 7:30 pm AA	31 9:00 am Quilters NA 7:30 pm NA			



Boulevard Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request, please contact Jan Plas at 486-7510 or the Church Office at 486-0267.

Recent Prayer Concerns

Mary Ann Byers, Arlington Court
Dick Christman, OSU
Cathie Cope, recuperating at home
Harriett Curtis, at home
Fred Ferris, at home
Jeanne Fletcher, First Community Rehab
Barbara Frautschi, at home
Mary Harris, at home
Gus Hoehl, at home
Kay Jones, at home
Brita Knapp, recovering from Chemotherapy
Johnny Murday, Becky Metzler's brother
Hob Neff, Hospice care at home
Peggy Pasko, recuperating at home
Dorothy Pinney, at home
Eric Rieve, Columbus Alzheimer Care Center
Don Sheets, recuperating at home
Bruce Smith, recuperating at home
Mary Thomas, at home
Margaret Ward, Westminster Thurber HCC
Sandy Zigler, recuperating home

Christian Sympathies To . . .

The family and friends of **Gerry Price** who passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

Celebrating August Birthdays



Charles Fletcher	3	Lila Aho	18
Abigail Hagman	4	Jon Stephens	18
Rebecca Plas	4	Greg Smith	19
Alex McCormick	5	Lamar Zigler	20
Lauren McMahon	5	Fred Agler	21
Judy Benson	6	Ann Craven	21
Gilbert Morris	8	Dan Rennick	21
David Zigler	8	Elias Osborne	21
Helen Taylor	9	Paul Smith	24
Kristy Wathen	9	Mariah Cheyney	25
Seamus McCormick	11	Katherine Frase	25
Clive Moorehead	13	Robert Coonfare	26
Llora LeFevre	16	Angus Hooley	26
Miriam Smith	16	Isabelle Caughy	30
Lois Patton	16	Alicia Frank	30
Barbara Marshall	17	Chris Sage	30

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Session

Class of 2011
 Steve Hills
 Terry McFadden
 Ken Pierce
 Jan Plas

Class of 2012
 Mary Clifton
 Amy Creighton
 Ian Rennick
 Melissa Schmidt

Class of 2013
 Ginny Achtermann
 Jim Bailey
 Phyllis Miller
 Kay Rieve

Deacons

Class of 2011
 Louise Conner
 Martha Hills
 Marty Kuhn
 Abbi Menke
 Kyme Rennick

Class of 2012
 George Ells
 Allyson Engdahl
 Paul McCalla
 Stefanie Osborne

Class of 2013
 Amy Johnson
 Carol McFadden
 Michael Schmidt

Cents-Ability Update

Nickels for Hunger
2-Cents-A-Meal
Penny Power!

As of this newsletter **\$524.10** has been donated for Cents-Ability. Our goal for this program year is \$1,000.00.

Please remember to put your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in your Cents-Ability bank each day, then bring your banks to church and add your loose change to the Cents-Ability jar!

Deadline for September Good News Thursday, August 18th