



# The Belle

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*"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love"-Psalm 33:18*

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## Report from the Meeting of the Congregation

Our congregation, at the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, elected John Dolan, Kenneth MacLeod, Eileen Vernon, and Karl Williams as elders, Jeff Smalley as a deacon, and as trustees, Geoff Moak, Roberto Cantillo, and Lisa Dolan.

Those elected to the Nominating Committee are Jan Van Dyke, Ethan Lee, Jeff Stehle, Jason Spinneweber, and Laurel Shaw.

The proposed budget for Ministry Year 2004-2005 was presented, and if you have any thoughts on how the budget might be changed, please submit them to session soon, as the budget will be finalized at the session meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The congregation voted to give our pastor Dave Van Dyke a three percent cost-of-living increase, which is the same percent that the rest of the staff is receiving.

There was also a presentation of the plans for building improvements, and we refer you to the "Session News Release" for the details.

## Session News Release

Session granted transfer of membership for Dave and Sandi Ferguson to Grace Community Church in Greenfield, and for Trevor Macpherson to Shadyside Presbyterian Church. While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we do thank God that they were part of our church family for a while.

BJ Woodworth presented a document titled "Some thoughts on the Open Door as a New Church Development." Session spent some time in discussing the possibilities of working with Pittsburgh Presbytery to plant a new church from the Open Door ministry. While this is still not even in the planning stages, it is still exciting to consider. BJ also informs us that they are working hard to find a new person to lead Open Door in music, but replacing a person like Alex Ruzanic certainly will not be easy.

Session had the pleasure of meeting with and endorsing Elizabeth Costello as an inquirer as a ministerial candidate. Elizabeth is one of the newer members of our congregation, and it was a joy to learn how the Lord has been leading her.

The University Council celebrates with the graduating seniors by having the Senior Breakfast and Graduation Sunday, and at the same time they also have been planning for the coming school year. They inform us that they have an exciting candidate for the open CCO position. They have also expressed to Session the importance of continuing to have interns. Speaking of interns, Tom DeiCas, who has been serving in this position, has been offered and has accepted a position with the CCO for next year.

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Craig McCloud, Matt Wick, Christy Borderud, Ben Shelley, Jim Paul, Ben Cramer, Mose, Jenny Fox, Stacey, Alisa Long, Sarah Bremmer, Jenna Egli, Cori Hill & Jeremy Stolfus & Mitch Hill (not pictured).

Over the weekend of April 23-25 a group of Bellefielders & friends enjoyed a great weekend of backpacking on the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail!



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries

PRISM will ONCE AGAIN hold its ANNUAL GARAGE GIVEAWAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

AT THIS EVENT WE GIVE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND SMALL FURNITURE TO NEWLY ARRIVED INTERNATIONALS AND HELP THEM TO SETUP THEIR HOUSEHOLDS TO LIVE IN THE USA.

- **WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS**--IT IS TIME TO CLEAN YOUR CLOSET AND ATTIC! HAVE DECENT STUFF THAT YOU DON'T WANT ANYMORE? GIVE IT A GOOD HOME!
- **Help with setup will also be needed: ON Wed. August 18 through Friday August 20.**
- **"Day Of" help will be needed--**
  - TRANSPORTATION: VANS, TRUCKS, CARS,
  - CROWD CONTROL
  - CLEANUP.

THIS WOULD BE A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP. PLEASE CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HELP TO REACH THE WORLD AT OUR DOORSTEP WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Questions, comments? Contact the PRISM office: 412.683.0342

### PLEASE NOTE:

Pastor Dave will be on vacation and study leave June 22-July 12 and Aug 2-17. Please contact the church office or one of our Deacons for member care needs. Scott Boyd (PRISM Director) will cover pastoral emergencies during Dave's absence.

## Breaking news from the BBC: *The Backyard Bible Club*!!!

This summer Bellefield is doing something different with children's ministry! You've heard of VBS before, but you've never heard of anything like this! We are invading the neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, taking VBS outside the walls of the church, and turning it into the BBC!

We're planning on taking over the backyards (or porches, or nearby parks, or basements, or playrooms, or front yards, etc.) of members of Bellefield for weeklong sessions that minister to the kids of that neighborhood, and then we'll be moving on to the next neighborhood to start all over again.

The daily session will be about 2 hours long and will bring the Word of God to kids 3-12 years old through Bible stories, crafts, skits, and games!

We're looking for people to help us reach out to these kids by hosting a session and allowing us to use their backyard. Hosts are responsible for inviting the kids of their neighborhood, and for opening up their yard, and we do the rest!

Our goal is to hold 2 sessions a week every week this summer (June and July), which adds up to 18 sessions and 18 hosts! We also need people to volunteer to help set up crafts, snacks etc. as well as just be there as an extra set of eyes to keep on the kids. We cannot reach our goals without your help! No hosts = no BBC! Please help us reach the kids this summer, pray about hosting and/or helping! Questions? Comments? Interested in helping or hosting? Contact us! Melissa Ramsey at [mramsey@bellefield.org](mailto:mramsey@bellefield.org) or Colleen Hruska at [colleen@bellefield.org](mailto:colleen@bellefield.org)

Session has now determined that the way these improvements would be financed is to essentially loan ourselves the money, as session authorized spending money from the MLK fund to pay for these projects, and will create a specific repayment plan. As the Session members examined the Legacy Policy, they became convinced that the intent of the policy is that the purchasing power of the money in the account is to be maintained. Session desires to work within the confines of this policy, and therefore is planning to pay back the money borrowed from this account.

Session asked the Trustees of our church to join them in a special meeting to review the proposed budget for the coming ministry year. This budget will be finalized at the Session meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, so if there is an issue you are concerned about and you want Session to be aware of your concern, you need to act quickly in contacting Session.

**New Summer Children's Curriculum**  
*Camp Willigoway* (I will live God's way!) is the name of the summer church time curriculum for children entering Kindergarten through leaving fifth grade. During the summer they will learn about David, a "man after God's own heart," and discover how they can become "people after God's own heart" by trusting, praying, obeying, being patient, repenting, believing, being faithful, and worshipping. Set in a camp-like atmosphere, the children will enjoy this new style of teaching and learning after their dismissal from worship.

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## Worship Attendance

APRIL	2004	2003	2002
Week 1	549	367	272
Week 2	674	425	344
Week 3	541	583	292
Week 4	443	397	332
Average	552	443	310

*(2004 includes Open Door evening worship)*



### June

### July

1	Matt Gormley	2	Tessa Carlin
2	Helen Katrin	3	Cole Smith
2	Fred Hummel	4	Melissa Clark
2	Ann Raymund	4	Catherine Wynn
4	Sawyer McCloud	7	Rosey Stein
5	Gene Puskar	7	Peter Williams
6	Adam Watson	7	Adam Pruszynski
6	Heather Rice	8	Charlei George
7	Erick Fox	9	Juanita Meyers
7	Emily Griffith	9	Lisa Dolan
8	Shannon Smith	9	Beatrice Nkweteyim
10	Mahlon Raymund	10	Miranda Clark
10	Kristen Smalley	12	Sandra Kyles
11	Chrissy Hostutler	12	Matt Bonner
13	Tina Bruns	13	David Hull
14	Kyle Balliet	14	Mary Waithanji
17	Ken Wagoner	16	Matt Stehle
17	Sean Rice	17	Steve Brom
18	Stephanie Bell	17	Jan Van Dyke
19	Christie Zolko	19	Alexandra Durcik
21	Diana Williams	19	Ann Watson
21	Jen Stein	19	Jonathan Van de Geest
22	Ian Dolan	20	Anna Emmons
22	Riah Carlin	22	Asa Bonner
23	Susan George	23	Kyra Woodworth
23	Jim Paul	24	George Lengyel
23	Susan Van de Geest	27	Anthony Marino
25	John Zolko	27	Patrick Wagstrom
25	Katie Samuels	28	Vic Norman
26	Lauren Pruszynski	29	Amanda Vernon
27	Kristen Wagoner	29	Danny Hinchman
29	Ross Donaldson	30	Cindy Gormley

### Trea\$urer Tom's Update

	ACTUAL	TARGET	OVER/(UNDER)
March	32,150	29,200	2,950
April	27,083	34,200	-7,117
Fiscal YTD	294,571	313,600	-19,029

*The offerings (actual & target) include both Sunday services (AM/PM).*



Tues	1	12:10 pm	Overeaters Anonymous (weekly)
		7 pm	Prayer Team mtg.
Weds	2	10 am	Prism Int'l Women's Bible Study (weekly)
		11:30 am	Narcotics anonymous (weekly)
		7 pm	Three Rivers Project (weekly)
Sat	5	5 pm	Arabic Christian Fellowship
Sun	6	10 am	MORNING WORSHIP TIME CHANGE!
Sat.	12	6 pm	Indonesian Christian Fellowship
Sun	13	3 pm	PRISM Board mtg
Tues	15	6 pm	Session Meeting
Sat	19	5 pm	Arabic Christian Fellowship
Sun	20		<b>Father's Day</b>
Mon	21		<i>First Day of Summer</i>
Tues	22	7 pm	Trustees mtg
Weds	23	—June 27	Youth: Creation Festival
Sat	26	6 pm	Indonesian Christian Fellowship
Sun	27	12 pm	Food Pantry



Thurs	1		<i>New Ministry Year Begins</i>
Sat	3	5 pm	Arabic Christian Fellowship
Sun	4		<b>Independence Day!</b>
Tues	6	12:10 pm	Overeaters Anonymous (weekly)
Weds	7	11:30 am	Narcotics Anonymous (weekly)
		7 pm	Three Rivers Project (weekly)
Sat	10	6 pm	Indonesian Christian Fellowship
Sat	17	5 pm	Arabic Christian Fellowship
Sat	24	6 pm	Indonesian Christian Fellowship
Sun	25	12 pm	Food Pantry
Tues	27	7 pm	Trustees mtg



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Our mission is to be witnesses of Jesus Christ,  
making committed disciples of all  
peoples in the communities  
where we live and in the  
university community  
at our doorstep.

School Year Schedule  
Morning Worship: 10:45 am  
Christian Education: 9:30 am  
Evening Worship Gathering: "the Open Door" - 5:30 pm



### FARMER'S MARKETS:

Times for all: 3:30-7:30 p.m.  
Dates: May 10-November 24  
Info: 412-422-6523

#### EAST LIBERTY:

Monday, Penn Circle West

#### HIGHLAND PARK:

Thursday, Pgh Zoo Lower Lot: Butler &  
Baker Streets

#### SOUTH SIDE:

Tuesday, 18th & Carson

#### MT. WASHINGTON

Tuesday, Sweetbriar St. (Opens June 15)

#### NORTH SIDE:

Friday, East Park: E. Ohio St. & Cedar Ave.

### Creation 2004 Festival

June 23-June 27  
The Agape Farm -  
Mt. Union, PA

### 3 RIVERS ARTS FESTIVAL 2004

-FRIDAY JUNE 4 —SUNDAY JUNE 20-

#### Art Market

Location: One, Two & Three Gateway Plaza  
Hours: Sunday-Thursday: 12-8 pm  
Saturday: 12-9

For Music details and other info, check out the web-  
site: [www.artsfestival.net](http://www.artsfestival.net)

### HARTWOOD ACRES

#### Mansion tours:

Weds.-Sat: 10-3, Sunday 12-4  
Cost: 5\$ adults  
Phone: 412/767-9200

#### CONCERTS:

June 27 7:30 pm - River City Brass Band  
July 3 7:30 pm - Pittsburgh blues all-stars  
July 18 7:30 pm - The Del McCoury Band  
...and many many more!

For other Allegheny County Parks events, go to  
the web & check out the schedule! [http://  
www.county.allegheny.pa.us](http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us) and click 2004  
Summer concerts & Events

### CINEMA IN THE PARK

(At Schenley & other parks near you)

#### Schenley Park Movie Info

Location: Flagstaff Hill  
Dates: Sundays & Wednesdays, June 9-August 25  
Time: 9:15 p.m.

For more information, check the City Paper or this link on the  
web for up to date listings of movies in parks near you. [http://  
www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks/html/citiparks\\_events.html](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks/html/citiparks_events.html)