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Session Approves Second Morning Worship Service, Budget, and Connections Center

Session had the privilege of meeting and examining the individuals that the congregation elected as deacons and elders. The date for installing the officers was set for August 21st, and we look forward to the work God will be doing through these servants of His as they lead us.



The date for the next congregational meeting has set for September 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., where we will be receiving the year-end reports of the boards and other organizations of the church (remember that our ministry year now runs from July 1st through June 30th).

Second Service Begins September 11

Quite possibly the most significant item of business at this meeting was the adoption of the report of the Second Service Task Force. Beginning September 11, 2005, we will have two Sunday morning worship services. The services will be similar in length and character, and will begin at 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. There will be childcare/church time for the younger children during the first service, and Christian education classes will be held for all ages during the second service. We will need extra effort by volunteers and staff in order to pull this effectively – in particular, additional childcare workers, greeters, musicians, sound and projection system operators, and worship leaders are necessary. Please be praying that God leads our church in this, and be thinking and praying about how the Lord wants you to participate.



Operating Budget

The Operating Budget for the Ministry Year 2005-2006 was approved with minor changes. This budget will be distributed at the Congregation Meeting on September 18th. The "Capital Budget" was also

approved, with two changes from what was presented at the May congregational meeting. Here's what was authorized for the Trustees to work on:

- \$5,000 on stained glass renovation
- \$20,000 on the projection system
- \$10,000 on the Fifth Avenue Doors
- \$8,000 on Conference Room Cabinets and Tables
- \$10,000 on Kitchen Rehab
- \$4,200 on Connections Center

Session also set aside \$5,000 for cost-overruns, leaving a surplus of \$6,663.

Connections Center

The Connections Center, proposed by the Connections Council will be where the Welcoming Center has been. This council, chaired by Mary Lou Rosemeyer, is planning to use this area to reach out to visitors to help them navigate the church building and to become actively involved in the life of our congregation. The center will provide a personal touch and have information targeted to the visitor's specific interests. This center should help us equip and mobilize our body into ministry.

Most of the work that session does is actually done by the councils. We encourage you to consider what ministry you would like to be involved with. The councils for this ministry year will be led by the following:



University Council: John Dolan chair, Randy Bryant and Mike Carlin members

Support Council: Karl Williams chair, Gary Liberati, Janet Fox, Susan Norman, and Adam Watson members

Worship/Music Council: Dwight Fox chair, Kathy Emmons member

Missions Council: Jeanne Griffith chair, Scott Boyd and Mitch Hill members

Connections Council: Mary Lou Rosemeyer chair, Ken

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MacLeod, Gerard Beenen, Bob Phelps, and Cori Hill members
Spiritual Growth Council: Lauren Stehle chair, Eileen Vernon, Janice Bryant, Mitch Hill, and Bob Phelps members

There are various other assignments; the most significant for us to keep in our prayers is the Nominating Committee, which will be chaired by Ken MacLeod, with Lauren Stehle also serving as a member of this committee.

Open Door

As the Open Door looks forward to becoming their own congregation, several people got together to see what sound equipment we could donate to them to help them get started. The Missions Council, chaired by Jeanne Griffith, brought forth a motion of what would be helpful for Open Door to receive while at the same time preserving the sound system we have in Fellowship Hall for our anticipated use.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew (Erin) Anticole have transferred their membership to First United Presbyterian Church of Irwin, PA, and Stephen T. Magill has transferred his membership to Sunset Presbyterian Church in Portland Oregon.

If you wish to send a concern to Session, you can contact Karl Williams, the Clerk of Session.

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Resource Center	Rosey Stein Missy Horner	
Women's Bible Study	Eileen Vernon	

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP THEMES

- AUG 7 COOKOUT @ HIGHLAND PARK JAZZ CONCERT
- AUG 14 MISSION IN ACTS
- AUG 21 MISSION IN ACTS
- AUG 28 JOURNEY TO THE UNION PROJECT

The Open Door worship community gathers Sunday evenings @ 5:30 pm downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted)

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Building Manager

Matt Rosemeyer, our current Building Manager, is moving to a full-time position away from Bellefield. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well.

Looking forward, we are searching for a part-time Building Manager

- to oversee day-to-day maintenance and janitorial work
- to advise and assist the trustees with larger construction and repair projects
- who has a heart for Bellefield's mission

Experience with property management and building repairs is desired.

Submit resumes or direct your questions to Janet Fox in the church office at office@bellefield.org /412-687-3222 ext. 0; or Geoff Moak, President of Trustees.

The Belle is the official newsletter of Bellefield Presbyterian Church. It is published monthly by members of the church to honor God through faithful writings and artwork, illuminating the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and encouraging biblical principles in both print and production. Readers are invited to submit short articles, news, reviews, prayers, and other material of interest to Bellefield church and our visitors. Please submit content, suggestions, or story ideas by the 15th of each month to: belle@bellefield.org or place them in the Belle mailbox in the church office.

P.R.I.S.M.

Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries

is sponsoring a

"Garage Giveaway"

For newly arrived International Students

When: Saturday, August 20, 2005 beginning @ 9:00 am

Where: Bellefield Presbyterian Church, 4001 Fifth Avenue in Oakland

What You Can Do: We are asking friends of P.R.I.S.M. to donate and bring to the church (on August 17, 18, 19), useful household items such as: Beds & Bedding, Small Appliances, Towels, Dishes, Cooking utensils, Desks, Lamps, Small and moderate sized furniture (no sofa beds please).

These items will be offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to new International Students and Visiting Scholars.

This Giveaway is a practical way of showing the love of Christ to sojourners in our midst.



Please consider the following important points:

1. We need to receive only items that will be **genuinely useful** to new students. Any junk delivered will cost us money to have hauled away. Ask yourself: Is this an item that I would want to give to my son or daughter to use for their university living situation?
2. We need people to **HELP SET UP** on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (before the Giveaway). Anytime you have to give between 10am to 5 pm on those days would be a great help.
3. We are also in need of **DRIVERS** with pick-up trucks or vans to help transport the International Students to their apartments with the items they select. This is an urgent need and only requires a few hours of time (9 am to 11 am) on the day of the Giveaway. It is a lot of fun too!!
4. **CLEAN-UP TEAM:** 12 noon-2 pm (Saturday). This will be crucial as there is a wedding scheduled for 4 pm!

This will be our first contact with many newly arrived International Students and our service to them leaves a lasting impression.



Please contact the P.R.I.S.M. office at 412-683-0342 if you are able to assist in this unique and crucial ministry.

Thank You!
The PRISM Staff

Q & A ABOUT OPEN DOOR'S RELOCATION AND UNION PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

As the Open Door Task Force and the Steering Team, continue to expand our church's vision of creative, artistic, multi-sensory and participatory worship, we are also developing a fuller vision for relocating the existing Open Door community into Pittsburgh's diverse East End. This socially, economically and racially diverse neighborhood is already home to a flourishing community of artists, primarily at a place called the Union Project. This may be stirring some questions within you about our future as a church community. We have heard some of them and tried to answer some of them as best we can. We see this document as a conversation starter as we journey together into this new phase of our church community's life.

1. Why are we moving?

The Open Door's vision, to use its artistic approach to worship as a means of incarnating the good news of Jesus Christ fits perfectly with the Union Project's mission to create community in common ground by utilizing faith and the arts. It is this common ground and similar vision that excites us – the opportunity to daily invest in the lives of East End residents by occupying a common space while also developing and growing the body of Christ. Here, the Open Door has the opportunity to seriously influence the faith component at The Union Project, a role that could easily be filled by another denomination or possibly even religion. And for this we feel that the relocation to the Union Project is not only God-inspired and God-designed but is extremely strategic in terms of building Christ's Kingdom.

We have been in communication with the Union Project for almost a year, dreaming about what this collaboration could look like. We believe that this partnership offers us a missional presence in the Union Project facility (and its surrounding neighborhoods) as a tenant for as long as the space matches the needs of Open Door. Phase 1 of the Union Project development includes space for artists, community development organizations, a coffee shop and multi-use spaces designed to attract community activities, all within the very space in which we will also gather for worship. This will provide an extraordinary opportunity for us to work, partner, relate, connect and share the Gospel with diverse populations and organizations, thereby increasing our reach to even "within the walls" of our "church" as our target population comes to us.

2. What is the Union Project all about?

Founded by a group of young Pittsburghers, the Union Project is restoring the century-old former Union Baptist Church. Prominently located on the border between the culturally diverse East Liberty and Highland Park neighborhoods, the soon-to-be community center will provide learning, gathering, and working space for artists, community builders, and people of faith. The Union Project is more importantly becoming collaboration with community leaders from churches, neighborhood groups, community development corporations, arts organizations, and local schools. Check out www.unionproject.org for more info or stop by their Farmers and Arts market any Thursday from 4-7 pm.

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3. When are we moving?

Assuming the construction goes as planned we will have our first worship gathering there on Sunday, October 2nd.

4. My home is not the East End. Can I be a part of the Open Door community and still be a 'missionary' in my local neighborhood.

Definitely!! We see the value of the church gathered and the church scattered. We believe that God has each of us in a neighborhood place, right where we are for a reason. The church gathered is just changing our geographic emphasis.

5. How are we going to pay for all this?

We just received a grant from the Pittsburgh Presbytery (local), the Presbyterian Synod (regional) and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (national). We also need you to continue to give generously by tithing and offering your financial and material resources. Thirdly, Bellefield Presbyterian Church missions giving and other local partnering churches will help.

6. Is the Union Project just a temporary "home"?

Not in the short term. We have sensed God's leading us there for the foreseeable future.

7. How do I get there?

The PAT bus 71 A will drop you off right in front of the Union Project. You could also drive up Negley Ave. and park on the street or in the Craig Academy parking lot on Stanton Ave.

8. What's the neighborhood like?

It is at the corner of several neighborhoods, generally more urban and residential; more racial diversity and economic poverty. There is also artistic development happening all over the East End. New galleries, artist's lofts, cafés, ethnic restaurants and other types of businesses are moving into the East End on a weekly basis. The Penn Ave. Arts Initiative (PAAI) is an example of an organization that has had broad effect. The key objectives of the PAAI program include increasing the number of artists who own living and work spaces in the area, supporting the purchase and renovation of artist-friendly properties, marketing the area to artists and arts-related activities and empowering local youth by having artists engage them in meaningful art projects. The PAAI has already successfully attracted over 30 artists, arts businesses and arts organizations to make Penn Avenue home. PAAI has coordinated six summer festivals, 26 community events, 20 of which have become monthly events since 2002, resulting in hundreds of people coming to Penn Avenue on a regular basis. The PAAI Youth Component has made micro-grants totaling over \$60,000 to employ nearly 50 local artists who have empowered over 500 neighborhood children through meaningful arts experiences. Their 2005 goals continue to build upon their previous accomplishments within Pittsburgh's East End.

9. How are Union Project renovations coming along?

The Union Project will be done with Phase I of their development plan at the end of August 2005. Phase 1 of the Union Project development includes space for artists, community development organizations, a coffee shop and multi-use spaces designed to attract community activities, all within the very space in which we will also gather for worship. They are currently on track with phase 1, things will be rough in the sanctuary when we first move in but should be finished when phase 2 finishes within a year

10. How can I get involved?

As cliché as it sounds – PRAY. Give financially. Know we need everyone to participate in making this church a reality. Always be the church, participate, be active and chip in anywhere you see an opportunity, discover your gifts and passion and put them into use and make a difference. Such as...start a tribal gathering during the week, help design our web site, help with our children's ministry, serve at the union project, love you neighbors and coworkers, write a poem and share it in worship, meet regularly with 2-3 other people to pray for your ministry, do some data entry for us, help organize our finances, set up or tear down our worship space, greet someone new at worship, pray some more and rest. **Feel free to contact any of the task force or steering team with questions or ideas about getting involved.**

11. Who are the Task Force and the Steering Team?

The Task Force is our temporary and transitional board that gives us oversight until we become a self sustaining and self-sufficient church community. They are people from the Pittsburgh Presbytery, Bellefield church and the Open Door, they are:

Chair: Harry Kunze (Bellefield Presbyterian Church), Jan Van Dyke (Bellefield Presbyterian Church), Rev. Lee Nichols (Pittsburgh Presbytery), Don Barnes (Pittsburgh Presbytery), Cathy Rescher (Open Door), Ross Donaldson (Open Door), Aaron Pavkov (Open Door), Brandon (BJ) Woodworth (Lead Pastor)

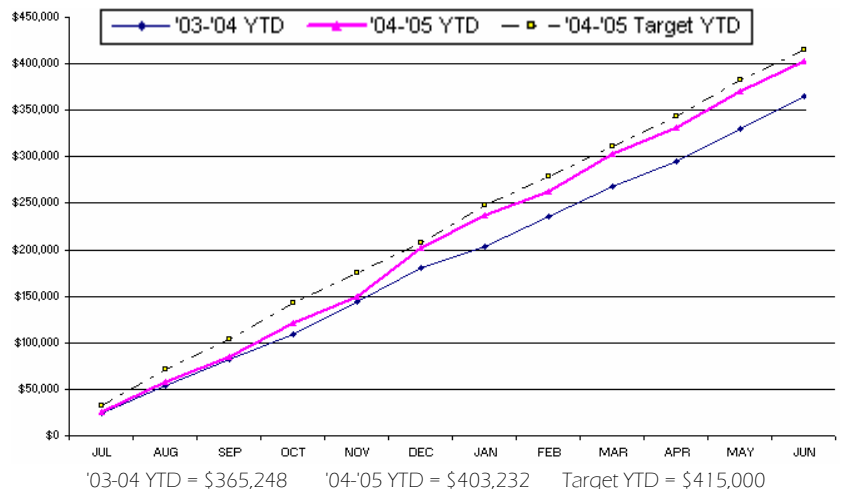
The Steering Team is the people who think, pray and dream about the future vision of the open door for today and into tomorrow. They are: Brandon (BJ) Woodworth (Lead Pastor), John Creasy (Asst. to the Lead Pastor), Justin Ulis (Treasurer), Cathy Rescher, Ross Donaldson, Aaron Pavkov, Megan Shelly, Ben Shelly, Rachel Weed, Katrina Woodworth, Alyssa Creasy, Erica Pavkov

Thank you Bellefield for being a nurturing, giving and sacrificing mother church community. We hope and pray that our partnership will continue into the future!
-BJ Woodworth

Treasurer's Update

Bellefield Offerings YTD by Month (AM worship & Open Door)

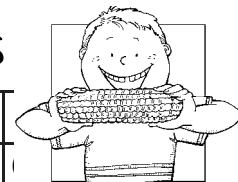
The fiscal year '04-'05 ended on June 30th, 2005. The 04-'05 Target for the year was \$415,000. Offerings for the year came in at \$403,232.



"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:12



August Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 12:10-1pm Over-eaters Anonymous	3 •10am-12pm PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-1pm Narcotics Anonymous	4	5
7 5:30-8PM Open Door Cookout @ Union Project	8	9 12:10-1pm OA	10 •10am-12pm PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-1pm NA	11	12
14	15	16 •12:10-1pm OA	17 •10am-12pm PRISM:IWBS •10am-5 pm GG Prep •11:30am-1pm NA	18 10am-5pm Garage Giveaway Prep	19 10am-5 pm Garage Giveaway Prep
21 <i>Installation of Officers</i> 	22	23 •12:10-1pm OA •7-10pm SESSION Mtg •7-10pm TRUSTEES Mtg	24 •10am-12pm PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-1pm NA • 9:30am-12pm ServeFest	25 9:30am-12pm ServeFest	26 6:30-8:30pm PRISM Open House
28 •10:30am Worship begins •12-12:45pm Deacons' Food Pantry • Cornerstone Cookout	29 PITT STARTS	30 12:10-1pm OA	31 •10am-12pm PRISM:IWBS •11:30am-1pm NA •8:40pm Cornerstone		
					20 •8am-12pm GARAGE GIVEAWAY!
					27 6-9pm Indonesian Christian Fellowship

August Birthdays

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| 1 Kaileigh MacLeod | 19 Eun Beenen |
| 2 Leslie Turis | 19 Renee D'Ippolito |
| 2 Lauren Kunze | 21 Brad Wheeler |
| 2 Nathan Simon | 21 Nicolas Cosentino |
| 3 Stephanie Rayko | 22 Ben Shelly |
| 3 Andrew Bruns | 22 Sophia Carlin |
| 6 Harry Lydic, Jr. | 22 Ian MacLeod |
| 6 Cassandra Oliva | 24 Barry Balliet |
| 8 Kristin Horner | 25 Elizabeth Zimmerman |
| 10 Gerard Beenen | 27 Dave Callen |
| 10 Dave Bradley | 27 Joan Sorce |
| 11 Diane Balliet | 27 Marilyn Long |
| 11 Carin Hawkins | 27 Charlie Fox |
| 12 Judy Menosky | 28 Marnie Goldblum |
| 13 Ashley Phelps | 28 Claire Bryant |
| 13 Eli Bolibruck | 28 Alex Woodworth |
| 15 Dan Turis | 28 Zach Woodworth |
| 16 Shannon Bolibruck | 29 Rick Zimmerman |
| 16 Sam Held | |

Growth Factsoids

June	2002	2003*	2004*	2005*
Week 1	241	361	365	432
Week 2	247	362	370	368
Week 3	253	392	378	323
Week 4	241	319	316	328
Week 5	209	243	-	-
Average	238	335	357	363

*2003, 2004 & 2005 figures include Open Door attendance
2002 does not include Children in Worship



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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.

Worship Schedule:

Morning Worship: 10:00 am, Aug. 28 - Changes to 10:30am
Evening Worship Gathering: *"the Open Door"* - 5:30 pm

SERVEFEST 2005



Serve the Lord with Gladness

An exciting opportunity for the Bellefield community to come alongside the Cornerstone students to serve the community which God has placed at our door steps. On **August 24th and 25th (Wed. and Thursday)** we will gather at **9:30am** on the church patio to give waters away to students and families moving into the dorms as well as those in the Oakland community just out and about and looking a bit dehydrated! Come one, Come all to hand out waters and an invitation card to come to worship with us at Bellefield. We'll give drinks away until 12pm. Please pray to ask God to provide free waters for us to give away! We look forward to seeing you!