

Food Larder

We continue to see an increase in the number of clients we are serving each month. During May 2010 we served 646 and May 2011 we served 875 or 229 more people. In May 2010 we served 820 and June 2011 we served 879 or 59 more people.

But, this Summer is not like previous Summers. Our donations have not fallen off as they usually do during June, July and August. We continue to receive food from drives that people have for various reasons, churches still bring to us and many individuals just drop off bags. For this we are very thankful.

Please stop down and check out our new roof with columns that match the other door at the back of the Ed. Building. Thanks to an anonymous donor we were able to have Fred Eutermoser build the roof which will keep our clients out of the sun and rain while in line.

The next big drive for us will be the Keller-Williams Real Estate Drive that will be held in our parking lot on October 1, 2011. Please make plans to come out and support them and our Larder. More information will be in the September Highlights.

-The Larder Committee



Children of the YMCA program participated in an Easter egg hunt in NBBC's Food Larder this past April. The hunt was a great way to keep involved with the youth of the local community.

Board of Trustees

We have completed the large cracks in the parking lot excavated out and repaved. That will be completed in the next month. We are looking into seal coating the entire blacktop parking lot. Ron and Edie are painting the lower entrance and rear entrance into fellowship hall.

Byron Rimmer

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Office Updates

- Pastor Marcia will be away August 1-6 (see calendar).
- We are currently **redoing the New Britain Baptist Church website**. Please send any updates and/or requests to Jordan at the church office, preferably via email.

Quote of the Month

"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

-Henry David Thoreau

Our prayers are with you all in the month of August!

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In Remembrance

Rev. Dr. Robert V. Hanrahan

July 31, 1934 - June 18, 2011



Happy Birthday to all in the month of August!

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Happy Anniversary to all in the month of August!

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Address Changes

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Highlights

At Home in the Philadelphia Baptist Association

In a recent conversation with Tom Beers, he recalled for me the story of the founding of New Britain Baptist Church, a history you are probably familiar with. An off shoot of the Montgomery Baptist Church, the fledgling church in New Britain tried to associate with the Philadelphia Baptist Association as early as 1746. They were, in fact, refused membership twice before finally gaining acceptance. The plaque above the doors on the church marks the date---not of the founding of this congregation, interestingly enough, but 1754, the date when the Philadelphia Baptist Association (PBA) finally became our home.

When you asked me to continue to serve as your Transitional Pastor back in June, I accepted with the understanding that in these months ahead, we would discern the nature of our future relationship with PBA. During these summer months, that conversation has begun with our Advisory Council and some of our boards. We began our discernment by reminding ourselves

that while as Baptists we love our distinctiveness, freedom, and individuality, we are also, at heart, *inter-connected people*. That is, we believe deeply in the value of being in relationship with others, knowing that it reflects New Testament understandings of love and service, realizing that the combination of our efforts—in mission, ministry, sharing resources, and offering encouragement and strength—make all of us more effective conveyors of the Gospel and followers of Jesus Christ. We choose not to go it alone, but to be in relationship. We are intentional about creating communion with others, finding a place to call "home."

Our home as a congregation has been in PBA for 257 years! But as in all relationships, there are times of struggle. Clearly, there has been tension between New Britain Baptist and our region during, and over, the tenure of the last two pastoral leaders. Disappointments have been experienced; expectations and realities have changed. There has been some talk about leaving the PBA; that perhaps this is the time to do something new.

One reality is that in



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"Our mission is to celebrate our faith in worshipping God through prayer, study, fellowship; seeking to grow in faith and share Christ's love with the community and the world."

order to be American Baptist we must be associated with a region. That's how we ensure our connectedness. We can choose a different region but that would require forging a new relationship at a time when our resources, both physical and financial, are minimized. As we talked about what has strained our relationship, and what we hope for in the future, those on the Advisory Council began to see that, like any relationship, this one requires attention; that in the end, while never ideal, there is value to a place to call "home."

And so I invite you to think with us about how it is that we can begin to nurture our regional

relationship anew. We share a rich history, with significant involvement on the part of New Britain Baptist in PBA regional life and ministry. No relationship is ever perfect; each requires honesty, forgiveness and the opportunity for beginning again. This can be the moment to reaffirm our history, to create a new relationship that reflects mutual integrity and ministry that moves us toward a healthy future. Be thoughtful, prayerful, discerning. And be a part of creating a new vision for our denominational home.

Peace,

Marcia

A Note From the Secretary

Hello all! Since I am so new here I just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself! My name is Jordan Walls, and I am a Dean's List student at Delaware Valley College studying Accounting. I have lived in the Doylestown area all my life and attended Central Bucks West High School, where I was a captain of the varsity field hockey team, a field hockey coach for young athletes, and a member of the National Honor Society. A few of my hobbies include watching the Philadelphia Flyers, caring for my puppy Remy, and cooking for my family. In the future, I hope to receive my Masters of Accounting degree at Villanova's Graduate School of Business. I love it here at NBBC so far and I look forward to meeting all of you!

- Jordan

Men's Fellowship

The first meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be 6:45 PM, October 3, 2011. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Bruce Burkhart. He will be telling us about the history of New Britain Borough. As a reminder to all the men, we meet the first Monday of each month. Watch for further information in future Sunday Bulletins.

-Byron Rimmer, President

Supporting the Larder Ministry

From July 31st to September 25th, the Food Larder will be collecting school supplies for the children of our clients. We need the support of everyone to make this possible. Items needed are as follows:

- Pencils, composition books, pens, colored pencils, erasers, crayons, binders, rulers, scissors, glue, notebook paper, notebooks, computers, tablets, paperback dictionaries, markers, pencil sharpeners, lunch boxes, back packs.

Other items of great need include:

- Laundry detergent, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant (men & women), bath soap, coffee & tea.

New Funeral Guidelines

Members - the suggested donations listed below will help defray the cost of food and paper products for funeral luncheons. Seating capacity for Fellowship Hall is about 100 people.

Number of People	Suggested Contribution
1 - 50	\$150
51 - 80	\$175
81 - 100	\$200

JULIET

A look ahead for the next **JULIET** season:
September 20th: Fordhook Farm, a trip to Doylestown to visit the house and the gardens of Burpee.
October 18th: Historical Info about New Britain Township, Borough, and Chalfont presented by Bob Showalter. All are welcome.
November 15th: Spirituality & Aging: Finding meaning in our mortality, growing old gracefully in God's sight. Presented by Rev. Carl Yusonvitz, from Penn Foundation, Chaplin.

Musical Notes

Our summer season of music has begun. On June 19th, Father's Day, our chime choir played "The Lord's My Shepherd". Our regular vocal choir persevered through the end of June, ending their season with the anthem "God, Our Strength," on June 26th. How nice of them to be so dedicated. The summer special music began on July 3rd, with Melite Scherzinger and me singing a vocal duet of "A Song of Peace," accompanied on the piano by Theresa Schmitz. On July 10th, we were blessed with Emily Browning's solo entitled "You Invite Me In." Our faithful Women's Ensemble, sang the spiritual "Is There Anybody Here?" on July 17th. The Men's Ensemble sang their musical contribution "I Will Bless the Lord at All Times" on July 24th. I am looking forward to hearing Bruce Shilling, Ginny Fultz's nephew, sing two numbers on July 31st: "Don't Overlook Salvation" and "He Is To Me." The month of August will probably start with a piano/organ duet of "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" between Jan Rollins and I. I will sing the solo "When God's People Pray" on August 14th, accompanied by a friend, Carol Bonnet. On August 21st, my friend, Mary Schwarzentruher, will sing "The Lord is My Light". We will look forward to hearing our own Julie Coulton perform a solo on August 28th. We even have a piano duet of "Morning Has Broken" and "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" lined up for September 4th by students of mine, Emily and Christopher Seiler. I am very grateful for the feedback and suggestions from the congregation, and for all who have helped and are continuing to help make this season a musical one. God bless all of you.

-Marge Felton

Operating Fund

	Actual	Budgeted
Total Income	\$63,051	\$55,925
Total Expenses	<u>\$68,242</u>	<u>\$77,127</u>
Net Income	(\$5,191)	(\$21,202)

Year to Date: June 30, 2011. We celebrate the increase in our giving and the good work all are doing to hold expenses to a minimum. Please remember to continue to pay your pledge over the summer months even if you are away! We will continue to need your financial support!

August 2011

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 1-5pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm Pastor Marcia on vacation	2	3 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm 7:00pm Karate - FH Bulletin deadline	4	5	6 10:00am Karate - FH Pastor Marcia back
7 10:00am Worship 11:00am Christian Ed Communion	8 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm	9	10 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm 7:00pm Karate - FH	11	12	13 10:00am Karate - FH
14 10:00am Worship 11:00am Deacons	15 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm	16	17 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm 7:00pm Karate - FH Bulletin deadline	18	19	20 10:00am Karate - FH
21 10:00am Worship	22 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm Highlight Articles due	23	24 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm 7:00pm Karate - FH Bulletin deadline	25	26	27 10:00am Karate - FH
28 10:00am Worship 11:00am Trustees	29 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm 10:00am Advisory Council Mtg	30	31 Food Larder 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm 7:00pm Karate - FH Bulletin deadline			

FH - Fellowship Hall L - Library BL - Back Lot CO - Church Office OS - Off site