



Tidings

September 2016

From the Pastor



Setting the table of peace

Every day, we are witnesses to conflict. We read news stories of violence and supposedly irreparable divides. Angry rhetoric fills our airwaves, inboxes, and social media feeds. We see conflict tear apart communities, families, even people we know. Surrounded by this strife, it's easy to see the world through a dark lens of discord. We may even come to share the doubt expressed in Psalm 78:19: "Can God spread a table in the wilderness?"

Yet our faith tells us despite our doubts, sins, distrust, or even anger, God not only sets a table, but invites us to join it and partake in an abundance of peace.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering challenges us to look at the world not as a place where conflict is inevitable, but where Christ's peace is possible. The programs supported by the Peace & Global Witness Offering to help bring people tables of peace, justice, and reconciliation even in the wilderness of war, violence, and division.

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In places of abiding conflict, the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the work of Presbyterian mission co-workers to bring together former enemies and begin healing the spiritual wounds of war. In congregations closer to home, support from the Offering enables efforts to turn back the tide of gun violence that claims too many American lives. In other communities, it's facilitating a transformative dialogue about the difficult subject of race to find new common ground. And everywhere, this Offering supports witness, because by sharing the abiding love and mercy of Christ, more people can find their way to a seat at God's table.

Your support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering acknowledges that a wilderness of conflict may surround us, but we are not abandoned there. If we open our eyes to the possibilities of peace, we see God has set a table for anyone willing to take a seat.

Please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering on:
October 4th, World Communion Sunday

Upcoming Events

September

- 6-20** Kathy is on vacation
- 11** Rev. Reid Isenhart, Guest Pastor
- 18** Rev. Kathy Dain, Guest Pastor
- 24** **Annual Blessing of Bikes and Blades**
- 27** Session Meeting

October

- 2** **First Sunday Lunch**
- 8** **Blessing of the Pets**
- 9** Rev. Muder's last Sunday / Congregational Meeting with David Baker
- 15** Bayshore is hosting the PC(USA) Urban Ministry Group Meeting
- 22** Session Retreat at Cedarkirk with Patrice Hatley
- 23** Rev. Patrice Hatley, Guest Pastor

Our House

Here is an update on the building renovation.

On the steeple. We noticed water coming into the choir loft and after further research it was determined to be caused by the steeple. What we found out was that the bolts holding the steeple had corroded and had caused spalling on the pedestal wall that supported the steeple.

We also found that some of the members had corroded and needed some of the sections replaced.

In Some areas, the pedestal wall mortar had failed and needed repointing. Some of the brick was also replaced by cast in place concrete formed to match the brick texture.

The contractors replaced

The bolts with new galvanized bolts, replaced the failed pedestal wall, repointed where needed and cut the corroded sections of the steeple structure and replaced them with new members.

The contractor also repaired the column bases on the front porch. The side of the porch closest to the fountain was restored and rebuilt with matching tile applied.

Next on the list the trees will be trimmed. The front sign lights have been in disrepair and flooding of the box in the sign where the lights are housed has caused ongoing outages. An electrician is currently being consulted for this repair.

Birthdays

Rey - 9/04 Charlie - 9/10

Debi - 9/11 Troy - 9/22



It may be that when we no longer know what to do we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go we have come to our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.

Wendell Berry, *Standing by Words*

Bikes & Blades

Blessing of Bikes & Blades



We as a community are seeking God's blessing and protection for all who travel our city streets and sidewalks on human-powered transportation.

All are welcome to join! Wear your gear and bring your bicycles, strollers, skateboards, unicycles, or rollerblades.

Saturday September 24 · 8:30 AM

BAYSHORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Our Mission



Round Table Discussion on Farmworkers' Daily Struggles - November 5th
Saturday afternoon Beth-El farmworker Ministry will host a round table symposium on the life and challenges our farmworkers face every day. Guest speakers include members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, Frontera de Cristo Border Ministry, and the National Farmworker Ministry, and local farmworkers.

The event is free and open to the public.

Celebrando la Cosecha: Celebrating the Harvest

The Celebration will include a look back at our 40-year history along with innovative plans for the future.

Saturday evening, you are invited to a special dinner of thanksgiving in support of the farmworker community. Dinner tickets may be purchased for yourself, for a farmworker or both. **Space is limited; please reserve your seat today!**

A poster titled "SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Saturday, November 5th" with a background illustration of a farmworker carrying a box. The poster lists three events: "A Day in the life" (1:00 to 3:00pm), "Welcome to Wimauma" (3:00 to 5:00pm), and "Celebrating the Harvest Dinner" (5:30 to 8:30pm).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Saturday, November 5th

A Day in the life
A free symposium on the daily struggles our farmworkers face.
1:00 to 3:00pm

Welcome to Wimauma
Visit the mission field in our own backyard.
3:00 to 5:00pm

Celebrating the Harvest Dinner
An evening celebrating the mission's 40-year history and those we serve.
5:30 to 8:30pm

Annual Swim

Thank you to all for contributing to our Annual Swim Party for the families of Beth-El. A fun day was enjoyed by all.

Guest Pastor

Mark your calendars, Rev. Kathy Dain from Beth-El will be our guest pastor on 9/18.

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Immediate Needs

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry has an immediate need for the following items:

- **Personal Hygiene Products**
- **Deodorant**
- **Mosquito repellent-protection against Zika**
- **Baby Formula (Enfamil preferred)**
- **Baby Wipes**
- **Socks**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Linens and bedding sheets for new arrivals**
- **New or gently used shoes for boys and girls-all sizes**
- **Hats – baseball caps**
- **Musical instruments (all kinds)**
- **Canned Goods**