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Summit News
The Newsletter of the Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting
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High Tea and a Wedding

The Ladies Auxiliary started our 2008 Camp Meeting season in fine style with their annual Tea. Held on May 17th, the tea was a tasty success with over 75 cottagers and friends in attendance. Later that afternoon, Sara Pierson-Perry and Bradley Panchura were wed in the Tabernacle with many cottagers in attendance. Sara comes from the sixth generation of the Pedrick-Kirby-Price family to attend Camp Meeting. Her parents also were wed at Camp Meeting.



"Welcoming Committee" at the Tea



Steady hands and a smile at the tea pot



An array of tasty treats were provided



The new bride and groom at the altar

What A Beautiful Day!

Saturday May 24th marked the start of a new Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting tradition—the first annual Camp Beautification Day. The goal was for cottagers to join in a practical fellowship project to improve the aesthetics of our Camp property. Trustee and master gardener Jack Grafton planned the work and led a crew of over 20 volunteers to mulch and plant around Hilltop cottage, the flagpole, the "Point", and the wall in front of Biddle Hall. Dirty but happy, the crew celebrated a job well done with a pizza lunch.



BSCM President George Phillips digs in

Upcoming Events

The **Ladies Auxiliary** will hold a meeting on Saturday, June 7th, 11 am in Biddle Hall.



Faith Fellowship Day is Saturday, June 14th. There will be a Tabernacle program at 2 pm featuring Chinese brush artist Josephine Tsai, followed by a covered dish dinner at 5 pm, all hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary.



Come to the **Coffee House** on June 21st at Biddle Hall for snacks, music, fellowship, and—you guessed it—coffee. Our musical guests are *The June Bugs*, a folk/blues band.



Praise and Prayer sessions return on June 25th. These are held every Wednesday through Aug 6th at 7 pm in the Tabernacle.



Our first **Fellowship Weekend** will be June 27-29th, with the theme of "God's Love in the Family."

Auxiliary Notes

Greetings and Welcome to the 2008 Camp Meeting Season!

The Ladies Auxiliary has many events scheduled throughout the season and we are hoping that you will all attend and lend a helping hand when you can. Many hands make light work. The season started on May 17th with our very successful Annual Tea held in Biddle Hall. On June 14th at 2 pm we will hold our Annual Faith Fellowship Day. Josephine Tsai, a Chinese Brush Artist, will share her faith, her love of our Creator, and her works of art. Please make your best effort to attend this event as much work has gone into the program and we all need time to fellowship with one another.

Throughout the season there will be many opportunities to help around the camp. Cottages need to be cleaned for rentals and food will need to be made and donated for Coffee Houses and refreshment time on "The Green" after program events. These are just a few opportunities where you could make a difference and be a blessing to others. If you have a talent and/or desire to help out with any of these things or have any ideas that you feel the Auxiliary should consider, please don't hesitate to give me a call or bring your ideas to an Auxiliary meeting. Our meetings for this camp season will be: June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd and September 6th at 11 am. All are welcome to join!

"Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for me to follow." Psalm 25:4

Let us all consider this verse while living our daily lives so that we might make the right choices in difficult times. Remember, we are all God's children and should treat each other with kindness.

God's Peace to You All,
Janine Phillips,
Ladies Auxiliary President

Rentals Wanted

Not planning to use your cottage all season and interested in making a little extra money? The Board wants to hear from you! We have an ongoing need for rentals of cottages in good condition.

If you would like to take part in this rental program or just want more information, please contact Trustee Winnie MacAulay.

In Memoriam

We sadly note the passing of cottagers Lucille Phillips and Don Hillis. Our prayers go with them and we extend our sympathies to the family and friends that they left behind.

Cottages For Sale

Tod and Jackie Benedict offer their Cottage #92 for sale at \$5,000. It has 2 large rooms, a full kitchen, and a fully functional bathroom. It has two entrances, lots of closet space, two ceiling fans and heating system. The roof and rest of the structure are in excellent condition. Contact them at (610) 431-2105 or (484) 888-8434 for any inquiries.

Dianne and Jim Atkins are selling Cottage #5, located near the Pavilion and Biddle Hall, for \$6,000. Recent upgrades include a deck, new front porch floor, attic exhaust fan and air conditioner, new electric breakers, and an antique sink with new RV toilet in the bathroom.

Cottage #'s 87 & 88 are for sale at \$12,000. These cottages are joined as one and will be sold furnished. The eat in kitchen has table, chairs, cabinet, refrigerator, propane stove, some cookware, and dishes. The 2 living rooms have couches, chairs, end tables, desk, lamps, and pictures. A full bath includes a closet and glass shower surround. The large dining room has a ceiling fan, table, chairs, corner cabinet, and small chest. In the two bedrooms are full size beds with mattresses, a chest, and 2 bureaus with mirrors. The exterior is maintenance free vinyl siding, a water heater is included, and the roof recently was totally replaced. There are 3 porches with rocking chairs, one faces the Tabernacle. Contact Susan Watkins at (302) 378-8479 for more details.

I have heard your prayers, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you.

— 2 Kings 20:5

The President's Corner

I am excited about the upcoming season of programming in our tabernacle. Our program committee has planned a wonderful variety of programs including speakers, musicians and special events that will peak the interest of your entire family. You will be blessed in numerous ways by being in the tabernacle this summer. Please put these dates on your calendar when you receive the program. Our grounds committee has worked long and hard to open the camp meeting and prepare the property for the new season. Things look great! The finance committee is helping the camp meeting to make wise financial decisions and move forward now that we have tax-exempt status. And as always our Auxiliary is working hard. They provided the lunch for both workdays and are preparing the annual Spring Tea as our first official gathering of the 2008 season.

Over the winter, as most of you know, we lost a lifetime cottager and our Trustee Emeritus, Walter G. Phillips. My dad had been a part of the camp meeting since his birth. He was a fourth generation cottager and as such, brought a rich heritage of tradition to the administration of the camp meeting in recent years. He had been part of the camp meeting family for 85 years. His time at the camp meeting was limited while he was working, but after retiring, he and Lucille renovated their cottage and began to spend six months of the year on the grounds. This time brought great joy to my father's life as he spent time worshipping, leading, working, handling finances and fellowshiping. The camp meeting was an important part of his lifetime ministry.

I would like to dedicate the 2008 camp meeting season to the memory of Walter G. Phillips. In doing so, I would like all of us to look to the past and remember the great history and traditions that have brought us to the present. We cannot forget the spiritual roots of our camp meeting. But I would also like us to look to the future and begin to plan for the 150th anniversary celebration. The camp meeting has a special ministry in our present and future world as a place to come away and reconnect with our Lord, and also, as a place to bring others to share the message of salvation and grace. It was important to my dad to see the camp meeting continue, and I hope it will be important to those who carry on the ministry. In his honor, the board has established a memorial fund for the preservation of the history and artifacts of the camp meeting. We would like to renovate the museum and protect the memorabilia that we are collecting. All contributions to this cause would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Walter G. Phillips Jr., President.
BSCM Board of Trustees

Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure.

— 2 Corinthians 13:11

Vacation Bible School

Make plans now for your kids to attend "Children's Camp" at BSCM this year. The program is for children aged 5-12 and will run from 9 am to 12 pm daily, from July 7-11th.

The program will be led by Ken and Dee O'Brien, hosts of a children's ministry on *Sound of Life Radio*. Plans include scripture readings, crafts, songs, games, Bible stories, and lots more.

To register or for more information, you can contact Carole Spada at (484) 437-2402. We also need adult volunteers—please don't be shy!

Help Wanted

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for volunteers who would be willing to make and donate some goodies for the Faith Fellowship Day Program on June 14th. Finger foods, cookies, or little sandwiches would be great! Please let Janine Phillips or Dolores Kirby know if you can help.

There's No Such Thing As a Free Lunch ☺

Well, dinner actually, in this case. Please remember that our Covered Dish Dinners work on the basis of both a food *and* small cash donation.

Last season some guests provided food to share but did not know about the cash donation. This money goes for beverages, condiments, paper goods, and the like which we all use.

Prices for Covered Dish Dinners are \$1.50 per adult with a food donation or \$4.00 without. Children are \$1.00 up to age 12; free if younger than 4.

New Ministry: Camp Coffee House

In addition to our regular program season, the Program Committee strives to find additional ways to bring cottagers, friends, and guests together in Christian fellowship. One such new opportunity started this year as an idea from cottager Andrea Pergolese: a Camp Meeting Coffee House.

As Andrea describes it, the focus in a coffee house is entertainment and relaxation. Offering a relaxed Christian setting to meet after a busy day or week, it is a great place to bring those who might resist a traditional church service. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Three Camp Coffee House nights are scheduled so far. First up was Saturday, May 24th, and featured Jack Janes as our musical guest. The other two will be Saturday, June 21st, with the folk/blues band *The June Bugs*, and then Thursday, July 3rd, Jim Pierson-Perry on keyboards and singing. Both nights start at 7:30 pm in Biddle Hall.

Please come out to support this new ministry, meet other cottagers and friends, enjoy the music—and of course have some coffee and snacks! Volunteers would be greatly welcomed to help with set-up and clean-up duties, as would donations of dessert items.



Singer/guitarist Jack Janes performs at the first BSCM Camp Coffee House