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PASTOR MIKE'S MUSTARD SEEDS...

With the unexpected passing of Luanne's mother (Nella Sr. of Danville), Pastor Mike has not been able to provide a Mustard Seed article this month. Please be in prayer for Pastor, Luanne, and the family. Thank you.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER by William Walford

A LESSON FROM CORNELIUS LILLY

By Anne Chapman

It was spring of 2010 and Mayhew CBC was having a talent show. This was the first church activity that I attended after the passing of my husband a short time earlier. Skip and I had been with MCBC a number of years ago, yet I was very nervous approaching the door to Satow Hall. Not to worry as everyone was so friendly, and I sat down to watch the show.

There he was, a fine older gentleman, standing all alone while meticulously playing a beautiful song on his guitar. The song was Sweet Hour of Prayer and the man was Cornelius Lilly. The room was completely quiet except for the melody wafting through the air. It was then that something profound happened to me. "If this gentleman can stand up there all alone and play a beautiful song, so can I." Where did that thought come from? The only answer had to be from God.

As with many children, I had taken piano lessons, then went off to college, married and never took up music again. Then one day, 45 years later, Skip bought me a Yamaha keyboard for my birthday and said it had been way too long and I should really learn to play again. I was totally intimidated by the thing! What were all those keys? Plus I had no clue how to decipher the notes on the sample music. Furthermore, I had to call a friend to ask what those little "b's" and pound signs (#) were in the corner. (flats and sharps!) I had forgotten Everything!

We purchased a tiny book called "Play Piano in a Flash" by Scott Houston. Slowly but surely things starting coming back, as if one-by-one another light would go on, and I could play a few songs. Skip kept telling me how pretty they were and what a good job I was doing. Then he died. I quit playing. What good was it to play music in an empty house anyway?

All that changed while watching Cornelius Lilly. Later that day I searched for and found the music and words to Sweet Hour of Prayer. I learned to play it and haven't stopped playing since! With the encouragement of Pastor Mike and Cornelius, I was able to play at some of the offertory times, a few funerals and other church events plus several times a month at a nursing home, and Awana nights with Cornelius and Pastor on their guitars.

The author of the words of this hymn was an obscure, blind lay preacher in England. The hymn first appeared in the 1859 Baptist Hymnal Church Melodies. A commentary on this song suggests it is too personal to have a place in corporate worship. I disagree. What better place is there to edify each other as to the peace and joy that

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comes with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. After all, that's what He made us for to begin with!

Now, I've been debating on whether to share with you a little story about Cornelius! Before you continue reading, you Must Promise Never to Do This!! So, here goes. We met at the church one afternoon to practice some more on a song we were to play during an offertory. Ooops! Something had gone wrong! I had forgotten to bring the key to the sound room. The time to play was getting close and we simply had to practice, now.

The first thing I noticed was a gleam in those big brown eyes of his. Then, methodically and deliberately, Cornelius approached the front of the sound room and placed his right hand on top of the ledge. Oh No! What was he thinking? With one great leap, he landed on his knee on the ledge. After a quick balancing act, he popped over and onto the floor. I stood there in shock! He flashed his famous smile at me and said, "That would have been easier a few years ago!" At this time the sound board was much smaller and less costly than it is now; however, the leap up and across was just as big and just as risky. So, how did he get Out of the sound room! The door, of course! Ha Ha! Practice commenced and all went well.

What if Cornelius had not played the song that day! Nothing would be the same as it is right now! God used Cornelius to change my life – forever! In turn, God lets me use music to help others as well. All of that could have been missed were it not for one lone man playing one beautiful song.

Two days after I wrote this article, Cornelius went to be with Jesus. Please keep his family and friends in prayer.

Sweet Hour of Prayer
By William Walford

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bid me at my Father's throne:
Make all my wants and wishes know.*

*In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the Tempter's snare
By this return – sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
May thy consolation share,
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight.*

*This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise,
To seize the everlasting prize,
And shout while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer.*

Hope Your Family Has A Fun and Safe Thanksgiving!



From Mayhew CBC

Bible Verse for the Month of November



“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

Psalm 9:1



MONTHLY CALENDAR

Morning Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. every Sunday

Children's Sunday School : 9:45 Sunday mornings

Adult Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

Pastor's Breakfast – 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m., Perkos

Diaconate meetings: 1st Sunday of the month following morning service.

Trustee meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month following morning service.

Cabinet Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study: 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday

Casa Coloma Health Care Facility: 2nd and 3rd Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. sing-along;
10:00 spiritual message

AWANA – Every Tuesday (except holidays) 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Dress-A-Girl Around the World – 2nd Thursdays , 11:00 – 2:00

Quilting Group - 2nd and 4th Mondays, 1:00 -3:00

ABWM (American Baptist Women's Ministry) – 2nd Sunday after service.

Young Adult Women's Ministry (18-25 yrs. - single/married) – 3rd and 4th Sundays
after service

AGAPE – College and Career Group: Every Friday 7:00 p.m.

Band Practice: Morning service, 9:00 Sunday mornings.

Christmas Collection in Foyer: 3rd Sundays after service.

NOTE: Periodically, a schedule change will occur. Check with ministry coordinators. If you don't know who to contact, ask Anne.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED AND ATTENDED
MAYHEW CBC'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

It is with great appreciation that Mayhew CBC remembers and appreciates each and every one of you who attended the 90th Anniversary Celebration. Some of you who could not attend, sent your well wishes. Many of you helped in so many ways. It was a Tremendous Success, with over 200 people coming to celebrate the long and wonderful history of Mayhew Community Baptist Church.

Throughout all the years, with hard work, hopes and dreams, good times and hard times, the parishioners of this church have relied on the Lord to provide and to enable each of us to go forward in order to carry out God's Great Commission. 90 years is a long time, yet each new day marks the beginning of many more great years to come. May the Lord's blessings be upon each of you.

With Love,

Mayhew CBC Leadership

AWANA – CHANGE OF TIME

AWANA continues to be on Tuesday nights. Beginning in November, the times will change. Start at 6:00 p.m. End at 8:00 p.m. This will give the children more time to learn their verses. **HELP IS VERY MUCH NEEDED! At the last AWANA night, we had 32 children. We have been told that more are coming. Unfortunately, if we don't have more volunteers, we will need to turn new kid away this year.** That is unthinkable; however, if helpers are spread so thin that the kids can't be given adequate attention, then everyone suffers. If you can help only during study time, it will be very much appreciated. We also need help with games, so if you can just do that, it will also help immensely.

If you are hesitant because you don't know what it entails or wonder if you would be able to help the kids learn their verses, there is no need to be concerned. First of all, we welcome you to come watch and then decide for yourself. There is never an obligation for doing that. Also, the program is very structured when it comes to helping the kids learn their verses. Leaders don't need to guess what to do. They don't need to be Bible scholars, etc. The only thing needed is to have a heart to help these precious children learn about God and His Word.

In fact, that's exactly how I started, by just coming to watch. So did Jim Schnase, Robin Alexander, and others as well. The kids are like sponges, ready to soak up what we are helping them with. Please give this some serious thought and prayer. It would be a shame to turn away any children. Thank you, and God Bless.

By Anne Chapman, AWANA Volunteer

THE LORD CALLS HOME**CORNELIUS LILLY**

On Monday, October 23, Cornelius went to be with Jesus. Cornelius has been a long-time member of Mayhew CBC for over 25 years. His presence will be greatly missed as well as all the devoted service he performed for the church.

Whatever the need, Cornelius was always there. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees and was always at church work days and gardening. For many years he played his guitar at Awana with Pastor Mike and Anne. All the kids loved him. Cornelius had a quick wit, a sparkle in his eyes, a ready smile and an engaging personality. He was a true gentleman, easy going and sincere.

He was always devoted to his family. He loved the Lord and was never hesitant to share his faith with others. We may be sad, but heaven is the richer for now having the presence of Cornelius.

A service is pending at the church.

EXPENSE CLAIMS/VOUCHERS

This is to all who submit expense claims for reimbursement.

Please attach any receipts, etc. to the form.

Explain what the expense was for and include the Line Item Code that matches your expenditure (i.e.,) Awana, Repairs, Office Supplies, etc. If you can't determine what code to put, ask the applicable ministry leader or Anne to help you. (The person writing the checks isn't expected to guess.)

Sign the form.

Have the applicable ministry leader approve the voucher. If that person is absent, another person from the ministry may sign the approval line.

Put the Expense Claim in Ivan's box in the office. It is the bottom cubicle on the far left in the bank of ministry mail boxes. Ivan will write the check and give it to Robin to sign.

Retain a copy of what you submit.

NOTE: The Expense Claim/Voucher form is being revised to be more user-friendly. It will also have the line-item codes on the back.

Robin, the Treasurer, signs the checks. In his absence, Anne can sign. Very shortly, Colleen will also be added as a signer. This will ensure the church and its parishioners are protected by having three people who have signature authority in order to keep bills paid and expenses reimbursed.

GREEN GREEN GRASS

The new grass in the quad area has been overseeded once and mowed twice now. It is thickening up and really green. By spring we hope it will be thick and strong enough to have some social activities in that area. There is more to do along Routier Rd., Ellenwood, the playground and some of the flower beds. However, this is a big start. Since we already trenched for about 400 feet of sprinkler lines and have laid most of them, at least that part of the work is primarily behind us. There are still a few more sprinkler lines to add and adjust and some wiring to fix. Then a little more rototilling, and everything should look beautiful. From the Board of Trustees.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONCERT AT MAYHEW CBC

A concert for the young people in the community was held at Mayhew CBC on Monday night, October 23. It was an amazing event. Four local artists performed. Two were Christian rap artists, another on an acoustic guitar with songs. All were solid based Christian music. They provided their own sound equipment and effects. Lots of work went into this event which was organized by Tom who is the lead guitarist in the Call to Worship Band the church has formed to reach out to the community at park events. Thanks to those of you who helped, and also to Eric, the husband of one of the teachers at Yattiy School, who made delicious tacos.

Announcements, Updates and Coming Events

Pastor's Breakfast – For the month of November, the breakfast will be held on the first Tuesday, November 1st at 8:30 am. The breakfast will be held at Perko's Restaurant.

Torch articles for the month of November will be due on Monday, October 16th. Articles are to be submitted by email to mayhewcbc@gmail.com.

Trunk R' Treat Thank You!!!

A special thank you to all the people who donated candy for this year's Trunk R' Treat Harvest Festival. It could not have been accomplished without each and every one of you! We look forward to another great festival next year!

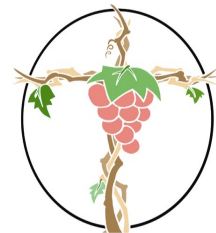
November Birthdays

11/3– Fred Deguchi
11/3– Diane Sarbacher
11/6– Zachary Choyce
11/23– Frances Kobata
11/29– Mabel Tierce
11/30– Erin Takechi



In Memory Of...

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