

LOVE NOTES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
OF
PEBBLE HILL INTERFAITH CHURCH

Exploring a ministry on the fringes, with roots planted firmly in the center



Pebble Hill Gallery Celebrating 20th Anniversary

Pebble Hill Church has been a catalyst for creative people since its inception in 1968. From the beginning the walls of our sanctuary have been a place where our artists share their vision with the community. As do our musicians, singers, dancers, storytellers, poets and ministers during Sunday celebrations.

In the fall of 1991, Pebble artist Helen Larimore began to hold art gallery events at Pebble Hill acknowledging the growth of art in our community and showcasing local artists. Chris Englehart, a quilter from Flemington NJ and longtime Pebble member, stepped in three years later and expanded the gallery to its present monthly showcase. Encouraged from the beginning by our minister, Rev. Gary Culp, Pebble's art gallery

grew until it filled the walls of our Church Sanctuary. Our gallery has become our ever-changing "stained glass". When Chris stepped down, Pebble artists formed an Art Committee to support the continuance of the Gallery and the First Friday Poetry event. Cynthia Greb then became the third Gallery Director and Gretchen Altabef is the present.

The words of our founding minister express how important the arts have always been to Pebble Hill Church:

"By purposefully placing the arts in the center of the life and worship of our community, we honor the creative flow present within us all. I like the words of jazz legend John Coltrane: 'Good worship, like good jazz, should uplift and

inspire us to reach greater capacities for a more meaningful life.' That, I believe, happens best when the arts are placed in the very center of the church's life." - Rev. Gordon R. Dragt, retired.

or the past 20 years Pebble Hill's artist run Gallery has encouraged emerging and established artists from Bucks County and nearby areas of New Jersey, NY and Philadelphia, open to all. In the fall we hope to host an exhibit inviting all the artists who have shown in our Gallery and a silent auction to raise funds for Pebble. It's a way to show our gratitude for this large, diverse art community in our midst. The artists are unique and talented individuals who work in a variety of styles.

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**2011 Blue Ridge Experience -Save The Dates:
August 15th to August 21st
Monday to Sunday***



Deadline for the discount rate is Sunday, June 19, 2011. We invite you to share a relaxed and fun vacation atmosphere with the Pebble Hill Community; where everyone is free to create their own spontaneous camp magic. As the last day will be Sunday, Camp will be open all day! Relax and enjoy meals and sports all day with a boxed dinner for the trip home.

Blue Ridge Camp is located in Equinunk, Pa, on the edge of the Pocono's near the NY Border in the Northern Delaware River Area, a gentle mountain wilderness with farms and small towns.

This is our 4th year at Blue Ridge & our 39th Camp. In our Pebble way we will continue planting camp traditions into this new Pennsylvania soil. Historically, Pebble Camp originated in the Pocono's and we are carrying on this tradition at Blue Ridge. We are creating new traditions, braving the treetop swing, late night swimming, throwing pots with Stan, painting, tie-dyeing; an Art Cabin that is open 24 hours/7days, tennis, baseball, volleyball - and there's always something going on!

Contact Camp Directors for info:

Alan Dench at 215-491-9713

Pam Dull at 215-237-6276

KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE AT PEBBLE HILL CHURCH

By Gary Schoenberg, Council Vice President



Pebble Hill Church is a dynamic interfaith community and peace site dedicated to celebrating diversity and honoring the Spirit that connects all things. We respect all the world's religions and the path of each individual. Pebble Hill is a sanctuary; a place where mindfulness is cultivated and personal dignity is paramount. We minister to one another and there is no official minister.

The symbol for Pebble Hill Church is the oak tree with its roots firmly planted deeply and centered with its branches and leaves bowed by the wind. The motto is, "Exploring a ministry on the fringes, with roots firmly planted in the center".

Pebble Hill Church is consistently in a process of creating and re-creating itself for over 43 years. Many people have walked through our crystalline gridded Red Barn with its spacious windows, beautiful art gallery, and a labyrinth in the center to remind us that we are all on a continuous journey. We enter... we embark on the journey...we bring a piece of our collective souls...we create...we build community. Some of us remain while others move on to other journeys. Pebble Hill is many things to many people...a collective way station...a healing sanctuary...a Peace Site...an art gallery, a concert or banquet hall, a 12 step room...a place for children to grow and be nurtured...a place where our elders are respected and loved. What is Pebble Hill? Some people say it's a place to receive spiritual nurturance...others say...it's where they can meet and connect with new friends...sort of a social network "real life" Spiritual Face Book, especially on Peace Soup Sundays!

Whatever reason appeals to you, participating in this grand experiment that is free from the entrapments of organized religions, "We Welcome You on Your Spiritual Journey" as we collectively shout out to those who make the commitment to join Pebble Hill as a member. With that said, we not only welcome you, we also invite you to participate and share who you are with us.

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Stay tuned to the Pebble Hill Survey.....

We would like your ideas and opinions about what you would like to see in our Sunday Celebration.

Do you want more rituals? More meditations? More speakers? More skits? Your responses are important to us!

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What makes Pebble Hill a special place that keeps on going all of these years? Pebble Hill is a community of people who connect with the common purpose of supporting one another on their spiritual journey. The diversity that Pebble Hill offers is quite distinctive.

These include the creative and joyful Sunday celebrations filled with music, singing, meditation, healing prayers, and inspiring speakers; an art gallery that is both a backdrop for our celebration space as well as a “stand alone” exhibit representing the many talents of artists from many walks of life that “turns around” 12 times a year; drum circles; 12 step meetings; Peace Soup Sundays; outreach program to Nicaragua and Africa: Friends from the Heart – An outreach for people from the community in need of support; Mindfulness Sangha; the New HOPE Metaphysical Society; Pebble Hill Camp, and uplifting concerts by seasoned performers.

“You are invited to partner with us on this journey called Pebble Hill Church! We welcome you to be a fellow traveler with each one of us.”

Our goal is to keep Pebble Hill going and to remain a vibrant, healing community for all who come our way. Both our Red Barn and our Yellow Barn are a place for rentals for parties, weddings, showers, and a “Waldorf inspired” school for children

.As Pebble we are committed to being a model of a community that is unlike any other. We have no formal model other than our *history, our vision, our credo, and our principles* which guide us as we minister to one another. We also are committed to being a model sustainable community as well as a Peace Site.

Each participant at Pebble Hill is the connective tissue, the glue that keeps all of this together. It is the creative imagination of each person who brings their own unique spirit to the community through participating in our celebrations or through our many committees that are the essential life sustaining force of Pebble Hill that helps “*keep the Pebble Hill spirit alive*”.

Some examples of performers who have visited us at Pebble Hill this past year include David Young, Grammy nominated for Best Instrumental Album. David has performed for Barbara Streisand, Elizabeth Taylor, Guns & Roses and Paul McCartney; Elaine Silver, the recipient of the Garden State Music Award for Outstanding Folk Performer. Elaine has appeared in concert with Arlo Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Doc Watson, Tom Paxton, Suzanne Vega, and Tom Chapin. She has teamed up with best-selling authors who include Alan Cohen, Deepak Chopra, Wayne Dyer, Don Miguel Ruiz, Marianne Williamson, and Neale Donald Walsh.

Submissions to Lovenotes are always welcomed. They can be sent to: Toni Kistner at: Toni.ninthouse@gmail.com or Lovenotes@pebblehillchurch.org. The Fall edition deadline is August 28, 2011

The Divine Feminine in Concert
Featuring "Faerie" Elaine Silver with Deva Troy
at Pebble Hill Church

Saturday, July 30th, 2011 at 7:30 PM
320 Edison-Furlong Road, Doylestown, PA.

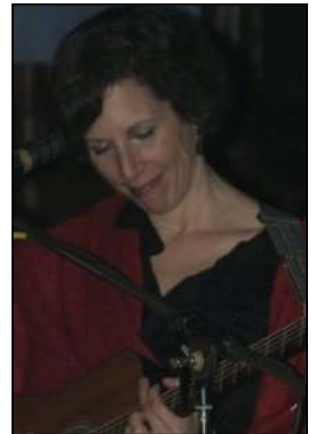


Elaine Silver is a seasoned performer, touring musician and recording artist with a voice you'll never forget. It has been described as stunningly clear, supple, rich and like fine crystal. Elaine has worked with many famous metaphysical authors including Deepak Chopra, Neale Donald Walsh, Marianne Williamson, Alan Cohen and Wayne Dyer.

This is the voice of an angel... She sings about everyday life, love, the Earth, the Universe and... Heaven. It is a relief to hear these positive words. Dim the lights and enjoy Elaine's singing. You will feel a different person afterwards."

-Roger Nupie, Nina Simone Society

Opening for Elaine Silver is singer-songwriter, Deva Troy, co-founder of "Peaceweavers", a nonprofit organization dedicated to "honoring tradition and inspiring change" in the realms of peace, wellness and the environment. Deva tells stories with her lyrics in the style of Harry Chapin, sounds a bit like Joan Baez and brings an eclectic inspirational folk blend to the music scene that opens hearts.



Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Contact 610-789-9833 or events@pebblehillchurch.org or online at: www.pebblehillchurch.org/concerts.htm to purchase advance tickets.

To listen to Elaine's music see her website: www.elainesilver.com

From The President's Perch

by Andy Wright, Council President

I've just got my first perk as council president -- an advanced look at this issue of Love Notes. Great work Toni, its beautiful! It really shows the amazing breadth of activities and interests of the Pebble community. Given the small size of our community, I'm really proud.

Lots of things have happening in council during the spring quarter. The big ones are, as always, the budget deliberations and pledge drive. Its starts with the financial task force, lead by treasure, Jim McGowan, closing out last year's accounting and drawing up this year's proposed budget. Then members of council, lead by Gary Schoenberg and Sharon Kerrick, ran our pledge drive. Finally in the last 5 weeks, council and the financial task force have held four meetings shoe-horning our budgeted expenditures into alignment with our actual pledge and rental income.

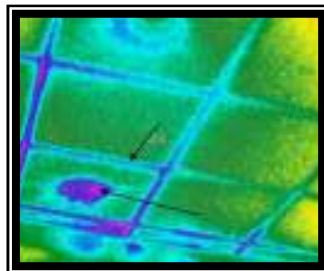
There has been an effort towards building a welcoming and safe community. Gary Schoenberg and I spear-headed an effort to both elevate the visibility of our Pebble Principals and to provide community support in the form of dispute mediation. The art committee will be repainting our Credo on the front celebration room wall, and arranging a permanent display of the principles in the upcoming weeks. We're also scheduling a couple of guest presentations on safe community communication.

Council is a deliberative body, we actually don't do anything, committees do. So this is the year of the committee. Special support is being given to the troika, AKA celebration committee. As part of a re-evaluation of celebration, you'll be receiving a survey shortly. We're also working behind the scenes arranging for more hands to help Larry Hall produce our Sunday celebrations.

In this issue you've seen the current efforts of the art, outreach, event, and the re-formed Pebble garden committees. I've been helping in the garden, and find its spirit of kinship with plants, and meditative engagement with the earth irresistible.

Another re-formed committee is the building renewal committee, now the Pebble sustainability task force - both a sign of the times and attracting some really smart people from within and outside of our community.

Can you identify three different types of heat leaks in this close-up below of a recent thermal energy audit of the yellow barn ceiling? Given the cost of fuel oil, this kind of knowledge will shortly save us some real money.



Council members Lisa Schenk and Judy Cohen have jumped in to merge and re-invigorate Friends From The Heart and Helping Hands committees. The list goes on and on, and I'm sure I have forgotten someone. So let me just thank everyone involved in our committees, for all the hard work you have done and the fun this has brought me, whenever I have become involved in your efforts.

Our Pebble Finances - Revising the Budget

By Gary Schoenberg

By the time you are reading this, we will have completed the 1st Quarter of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. Most of you file your tax returns on a calendar year basis from January to December, but many institutions file on a FISCAL year basis. I suppose it is good that our fiscal year starts on March 1st instead of January 1st, otherwise we would be doing the pledge drive in December which would probably not be very timely with all the holiday activities. At any rate, I'd like to give you a look into the state of finances here at Pebble Hill Church.

The financial taskforce has met a total of four occasions, under the leadership of Jim McGowan, Treasurer, during the time period of November 2010 to March 2011 to develop a workable budget. During this time period a group of committed individuals reviewed revenue and expenses that were part of Pebble's operational budget between 2010 and 2011.

It was evident that our financial needs have changed during the past year. Our pledging membership has shrunk from about 2/3rds from the previous year which required us to look more carefully at our overall expenses. The goal is to balance the budget. To that effect, Council will be reviewing a final budget that will be looking at the following:

- *Reducing pledge projections from \$40,000 to \$25,000*
- *Reducing our facilities and ground expenses from \$20,000 to \$15,000*
- *Reducing the salary of the celebration coordinator by \$2,000 per year*
- *Eliminating a budget for Friends from the Heart (a cost savings of approximately \$2,000)*
- *Eliminating a building reserves fund contribution of \$5,000*

Your pledge contributions and support are very much needed to keep the Pebble Hill Spirit Alive. So, if you have not yet pledged, it's never too late! Contact Alan Dench at alandench@verizon.net to send in your confidential pledge.

TRUST: CONDEMNED BY YOUR PAST OR HONORED FOR YOUR PATH?

By Christopher LaRue

There it was in the Philadelphia Inquirer Review and Opinion section: "Declaration's Signers not all so memorable." It was the headline for the continuation of a front page article telling how some of the signers of the Declaration of Independence did jail time before and after signing the Declaration.

It reminded me of how quickly we, as a society, mistrust and even condemn people who have "done jail time" or "used to be a drunk," without knowing anything about the path they have taken since the "sins" their past. One can substitute numerous other types of incidents and practices that people have in their past for the particular "sins" just mentioned, including mental illness. The societal reaction, unfortunately, is often too quickly similar: "I am not willing to trust you."

On these occasions, sadly, the person passing judgment fails to take the time to explore areas such as:

- 1. Who are you now?*
- 2. What has been your path since your "sin?"*
- 3. What motivated you to start and pursue that path?*
- 4. What helped you along the way?*
- 5. What are your "plans" for the near future?*
- 6. Are you willing to do whatever is needed?*

Even with "satisfactory" answers to these and other related questions, there are no guarantees of a person's trustworthiness. Even when a person has no "record" or "mark," as we say in the world of judgment, there are no guarantees of trustworthiness.

We sometimes fail to realize that breaching a trust after years of trustworthiness and behaving trustworthily for the rest of your life after breaching a trust are the same equations in opposite direction, both equally possible. (Before saying "not so," we must recall those breaches of trust we may have committed and "forgotten" about because, by chance, they did not become publicly known.)

So we are still left with a decision to make, and that decision can be to set aside any nagging doubt and grant the gift of trust to the person asking for assistance, a job, or even to explore a possible relationship.

The word "gift" is used because this is a choice, not a "supposed to." We are entitled to decide our own willingness to risk or not risk trust. We might call it a gamble of the spiritual kind. Part of what makes it a gift is our willingness to lose the material items at stake for the chance to do what our soul really wants to do: recognize our brother and trust him. It helps to be clear, also, if what we consider to be at stake includes our ego --- about "being fooled" --- and choose if we are willing to proceed in the face of ego-based fear of "embarrassment" about making a "bad" decision and being "taken advantage of."

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Wed. June 22 7:30 PM

**Guest Speaker
Christi Calvano**



Christi's role is to awaken the Divine Spark within and to free self-limiting beliefs, allowing light workers to access their own truth, unearth their own answers, and awaken to their divinity.

Pebble Hill Church

320 Edison-Furlong Rd. Doylestown, Pa. 18901

Christi Calvano embodies what it means to be empowered divinity in action. Her talent comes directly from her clear channel to the Divine. While some might call her a healer, she refers to herself as an Awakener because she awakens the Divine Spark within. By bringing to light what's hidden in the shadows, each person can embrace his/her magnificence.

Her guided vision and inherent empathic ability allow Christi to see energetic holding patterns that are invisible to others. As led by Spirit, she releases the stagnant energy, creating momentous change for individuals. The moment false beliefs or holding patterns are cleared away, unlimited thinking can emerge. Christi offers Private Sessions, Spirit Gatherings, Light Worker Seminars, and Guided Meditation CDs to awaken the Divine Spark within and to free oneself of limiting beliefs.

With Spirit in charge, surprises, Christi can be of service to you, it privilege. May you always be and infinite blessings



magic, and miracles abound. If would be her deepest honor and blessed with overflowing love

Pebble's Garden News

We have changed the way the garden is organized this year, and have created a more open Community Organic Garden, not a CSA and without shares.

Everyone is welcome at Pebble's Garden. And like the Little Red Hen, anyone who works the garden will reap what we sow!

THE FEE FOR JOINING:

1. A flat of seedlings*.
2. Sharing the work to keep our garden growing.

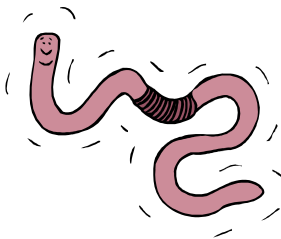
*If you are going to buy a flat of seedlings, please email Gretchen with your choice to make sure we don't all order the same thing. Drop them off any Sunday. There is a hot-house box inside the garden if you need to just leave the plants.

If you want to be involved and can't do any garden work, you can chip in and help us to buy our own French Broadfork Tiller, which costs about \$150.



Garden Event - Sunday June 12th at 1pm

Compost Demo by Jane Coale, followed by PHC's 1st Plant Exchange!



Learn how easy composting can be (myth busting) and meet my "Worm Farm," followed by a fun plant exchange.

Let's share our extra plants, perennials, ground cover,

Seedlings, etc (no invasive's please.)

Label and mark "sun" or "shade." This is a great way to try new plants for free.

For information call Jane Coale: 215-794-7575.



Nicaragua 2011

Carolyn Penta and Michael Sturgeon

What an amazing trip we had this year to our sister community in Nicaragua. All 23 families were welcoming with our visit to the school and the chapel. In addition the 7 Families we are helping with planting projects greeted us with a gala feast and entertainment of singing and dancing.

As you may remember in the community of El Sabalo we have a High School Scholarship Program which now has 9 current students and 12 graduates, a small wooden chapel that we have painted inside and out, a one room school with grades 1st to 6th and our newest project "The 7 Families Project".

It was wonderful to return up the horse trail to the house on the hill and be greeted by that remarkable Cantellano Family. We found Dona Luisa as loving and gracias as ever, her husband Cristobel with his great sense of humor and this year a lovely new addition, Cristofer now 13 months, just learning to get his balance, take a few steps and fall into the loving arms of aunts, uncles and cousins.

"They offered me a place to take a nap; I guess they could see I was "fading", and a great nap it was, followed by a lovely horseback ride at the end of the day through the soft hills and woodland streams back to the Cantellano family home."

The chapel this year needed a bit more paint for the inside, so we supplied 2 more gallons, really not quite enough, but enough to get most of the second coat on the inside of the church. We discovered the Parrish had assessed this small community chapel \$500.00 to help build a dining room for the Priests that serve the area with twice yearly visits to marry the couples and baptize the babies. After we absorbed the shock of the situation of their trying to collect this amount of money from these people that have nothing, we were able to donate \$100.00 of that cost to the church.

The school this year had a shopping list for us; we spent 2 days in Managua (the capital) shopping with our guide, translator and friend Bayardo, using the money Pebble Hill Church for a large white board, folkloric costumes, workbooks to increase penmanship, flash cards for math and lots of supplies. The best fun was buying a flag. We were directed to a fabric shop to buy the flag, we sent Bayardo in first to get the price (gringos hang back when it comes to price). It was good, so we walked in through very crowded stalls to a back counter where a clerk pulled a very large bolt of fabric from the shelf asked us how many we wanted and "cut off a Nicaraguan flag while we all stood there in amazement.

To thank us for our generosity, the teacher, Demetrio invited us to his house for lunch, that was a huge day, on horse back (45 minutes) to the school with all the supplies, then on horseback to his house (another 50 teen clothes every item found a home with a community member. Since Michael provide all the left over shirts from the Doylestown Township sporting events it was truly gratifying and amusing to see sparking new white and green Doylestown "T" shirts where ever we looked.

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minutes) followed by a huge lunch and a long visit of the families. They offered me a place to take a nap; I guess they could see I was "fading", and a great nap it was, followed by a lovely horseback ride at the end of the day through the soft hills and woodland streams back to the Cantellano family home.

The clothes we brought were a huge success, there must have been at least 170 lbs of the most beautifully cleaned and pressed appropriate dresses, pants, shirts, toddler ware,

Last year we were presented with the condition of 7 families that were not able to feed themselves adequately, due to illness, no men to handle the crops plus no money to buy necessary food items. During that visit they appointed an administrator Jader Cantellano, we provide initial funding and with the help of Cristobel's farming knowledge planed the establishment of "kitchen gardens" and production of sustainable food crops.

This year during our annual "business meeting" we discovered that Jader and his father Cristobel had some successes and, some due to the weather, failures, but a great deal of learning. Jader said he visited all

the 7 families 4 times during the year and kept a folder of receipts of the money to verify the expenditures. We thanked him for his work and he remarked, he saw it as a "pay back" for his education. He is one of our graduated scholarship students.

On the last day of our visit we were honored by a gala fiesta with "The 7 Families" complete with skits, singing, poetry reading and dancing. Of course, with their new clothes, testimony to the help they received and with stories of how much they loved the tomatoes, yucca and watermelons. We spent most of the time in sincere gratitude



to be able to participate in this adventure.

So until next year,
Muchas gracias a todas
Hasta luego.

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To win this gamble is to feel whole and fulfilled --- making a difference in the life of another. We have been *willing* to give a brother a chance to show who he is at the core, regardless of the outcome. If we have been clear about the basis for our willingness, as we examined earlier, there is no true loss in this gamble, no matter how it turns out. The grantor will feel complete from an act of love --- a natural expression --- and not suppressed by fear. The grantee, should he act untrustworthy,

will nonetheless have been granted an opportunity to learn more about himself and see himself more clearly --- including the cost of his choices and his accountability for his own situation.

And if we find ourselves in a situation where trust is not granted to *us* by another, is that the last resource? Here is where we can be our own worst "enemy" --- judging and then giving up on *ourselves*. At that point, there would be no one else left to trust us ---

except One Who we too often forget is always there.

There exists a Course of study in which we can come to know --- in our gut --- that, beyond forgiving us for the "sins" we may have committed, our Creator has *never condemned nor ever judged us*. Beyond trust, He loves us unconditionally.

If it is someone else's path being judged in this world, we have the opportunity to extend trust and empower that person. If it is *our* path being

judged, and social consciousness is signaling "thumbs down," then we have the opportunity --- in reflection of the Father's opinion of us --- to *grant trust to oneself*. Such inner sourced empowerment is vital for us to *not stop* in the face of what may look like no support from the world around us.

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There is a wise teaching, which says, in effect: “Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach him to fish and he eats for life.”

It can also be said: Grant a man a material gift and he will support his material needs for a period of time. On the right occasion, grant a man the gift of trust and he will have the foundation to build for himself, if he chooses, a dwelling of self-worth, spiritual richness and self-empowerment, which will serve him for a lifetime.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Chris was born in Manhattan and was raised in the New York City area. He has a History Degree from Fordham University and was a Naval Intelligence Officer. Until a dozen years ago he pursued a career as a Military Systems Engineer. Since 1977 he has been on a path of personal growth, both inwardly and outwardly, and is currently working on his “new world” of a personal as well as a collective human consciousness.

Pebble Hill Interfaith Church

~ Presents ~

Jon Mundy, Ph.D.

Author of: *Living A Course in Miracles,*

What is Mysticism? Missouri Mystic

Awaken to Your Own Call

The Ten Laws of Happiness

& Listening to Your Inner Guide

10:30 am Sunday, July 10, 2011 Message

Stop It!

(Quieting the Projective Mind)

followed by a 1 pm – 4:30 pm Workshop on

Living A Course in Miracles



Art Gallery continued from page 1

Some of the artists we have gratefully shown in the past 20 years: beginning with Ruth Cobb's photography; Ty Hodanish (painter), Burnell Yow! (found object), Wendy Ellsworth (bead artist), Joel Spivak (found object), Chuck Easter (photographer, poet), Linda Lou Horn (found object), Janice Hansen (watercolor), Robert Beck, Susanne Pitak Davis (ceramic sculpture), Barbara Gesshel (muralist, painter, printmaker), Alden Cole (painter, found object), John Zan (sculpture), Jeanne Elodie (painter, performance artist), Ann Keech (found object), Katherine Stiles Cogan (painter), Marylyn Stouffer (garden photographer), Ellen Sall (found object), Marie Kent (pastel, oil, stone sculpture), Ellen Hall (painter), Jerry Cable (painter), Gwyn Michaels (photographer, painter), Randy Dalton (found object), Linda Barilla (watercolor), Tom Raski (painter, cartoonist), Sean Daly (painter), Nathan Favors (woodturning), Claudia McGill (collage), Carmen Schofield (poem quilts), Sarahlyn Daniels Dickhoff (ceramicist), Sherry Shine (quilts), Krystyna Sanderson (NY 9/11 photographer), Philip Singer (painter), George Bilyk (found object sculpture), Barbara McCorkindale (watercolor), Paul E. Kallich (documentary photographer), Shari Kestenbaum (handpainted drums), Eva Preston (found object), John Phillips (painter), Joy Kreves (painter), Jackie Herder (quilts), Gail Bracegirdle (watercolor), Frank Jacobs (photographer), Marsha Dowshen (potter, mosaics), Bob Noonan (painter), Danielle Schaefer (fiber artist and sculptor), Loretta Montgomery (painter), W.T. Williams

(painter), Bruce Gast (found object), Sherry Resnick (photographer), Nina Bolfiging (multimedia), Beth Schoenleber (watercolor), Linda Mapplebeck (painter), Addie Hocynec (painter), Suzanne Werfelman (painter), Ren Porter (painter), Hugo Shu (found object sculpture), Alana Stanger (painter), Aura Brock (photographer), Lady Burke (photographer), Beth Finn (photographer), Lucinda C Simpson (photographer), Ellen Hall (painter), David Simchock (photographer), Ron Brown (3D painting and sculpture), Marie Thorsen (quilter), Carol Dean (watercolor).

20 years of Pebble Hill Artists; Helen Larimore, Wanda Canfield (photographer), Linda Barilla (watercolor), Susan Manning (painter, ceramicist, performance artist), Maryanne Laino (ceramicist), Lyndy Abbott (painter, pastel), Claire Marshall (jewelry, silversmith), Ky Mettler (sculptor, multimedia), Julia Altabef (animator), Renee Bures (painter, sculptor), Bonnie Mettler (painter), Gladys Mitchell (painter, photographer), Ray Windfelder (watercolor), Gretchen Altabef (found object art, photographer), Cynthia Greb (painter, mask maker), Bill Talvitie (photographer), Durwood Brough (photographer), Chris Englehart (quilter), Bill Brodhead (photographer), Toni Kistner (photographer), Elly Marshall (multimedia, mask maker), Moose Ewart (painter, multimedia), Laurie Mitchell (painter), Delores Scott (painter), Anna May Windle (photographer), Sallie Marshall (painter), Kathy Sweeney (ceramicist), Nancy Reilly (photographer), Veronica Higgins (painter), Chloe Iceman



(painter), Geraldine Kushall Laker (sculptor), Gene Mater (painter, cartoonist), Fran Pulli (photographer & digital artist), Guy Wagner (wood sculpture).

We have also hosted The Philadelphia Dumpster Diver Artist Collective, A Women's Place Artwork of Residents, Tincum Art & Science High School Students, Ivyland Artists League, Open Fences Project, Bayou LemonAid Fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina Victims, Sept. 11 Support to Families of Victims Fundraisers, 10 years of September Peace Gallery Group Shows, Sept. 11 Memorials, Tsunami Relief Effort Photography, Open Windows Project, Prayer Flags fundraiser for Philadelphia's BEBASHI AIDS Awareness, War and Peace Show, Smart Art Artist Group, 10 years of Children's Art Shows, Artist Way Group Shows, Pebble Hill Artist Group Shows, A Vision of 9 Women, Goddess 2000 Art Festival and the Global Art Project.

For more information about this or to show your work in our gallery, please contact, gallery director Gretchen Altabef 215-990-9542 wonderwoman@comcast.net.



The Pebble Hill Child Care Program offers a supportive, nurturing environment for children ages 2 to teens located in the Pebble Hill Church Yellow Barn on Sunday mornings during the time period of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Pebble Hill Child Care Program values each child as a precious being with unique gifts. Some of the activities that will take place during the Pebble Hill Child Care Program include the following:

- **Rituals and Rhythm** – structured activities that offer meaning and celebration. These can be as simple as lighting a candle, preparing a snack together, playing cooperative games, or reading a story.
- **Celebrations** - This includes celebrating the seasons, holidays, and customs of different faiths and cultures.
- **Creative self expression** – Through art, play, music, and connection with nature each child can seek their own unique way of expressing their own innocence.

Please note: Children can be brought to the Yellow Barn at 10:00 a.m. by a responsible caring parent or guardian who is expected to be available on the premises of Pebble Hill Church during child care hours.

For further information call the Pebble Hill Church Office at 215-348-3428

Pebble Hill Church Council

The Church Council is the representative body of Pebble Hill Church. It is responsible for the well-being and care of the life, work and people of the church community and, more specifically, for all programs, celebrations and events.

The Church Council is responsible for the staff, facilities, and finances of the church community.

2011 -2012 Council Members:

Andy Wright - President ~ Gary Schoenberg - Vice President ~ Jim McGowan, Treasurer

Judy Cohen - Secretary ~ Chloe Iceman ~ Sharon Kerrick ~ Chris LaRue

Susan Manning ~ Lisa Schenck ~ Anna May Windle

The Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

in the Red Barn.

My Trip to BEBASHI by Gretchen Altabef

In the snowy month of February, I traveled into Philly to deliver our \$200. donation to BEBASHI, raised from the sale of the wonderful prayer flags we created for the 2009 September Peace Gallery.

We made their day. I was given a very warm welcome, a tour, met with Gary J. Bell, the Executive Director, JoAnn Williams, Supervisor of Case Management, Deena Weems Thornton, Director of Development (pictured) and many staff members.



BEBASHI stands for “Blacks Educating Blacks About Sexual Health”. Housed in a brownstone on Spring Garden Street, they have a goodly amount of people working in their organization and wish they had many more. Even though they have an uphill struggle, I found the environment joy and hope filled. Their belief and care about their work is evident. Gary Bell said this is his calling.

From BEBASHI literature: “Despite statistics that prove that fewer people are getting AIDS and those who are, are succumbing less frequently from it, there continues to be a significant rise in HIV infection in the African American, Latino, and female community.” Our donation has gone to help BEBASHI, “continue educating those in the community who have a ‘false sense of security’ about safer sex practices and provide services to those living with HIV.”

“BEBASHI is on the front lines of AIDS prevention: Outreach to active substance abusers in shooting galleries, to sex trade workers (on the street during their working hours), to youth in arcades, parks and playgrounds, and to gay and bisexual men; structured educational workshops; HIV/STI and Pregnancy Counseling and Testing; intensive, professional social work services to approximately 500 persons living with HIV/AIDS; medication/adherence training; syphilis elimination; Transition to Hope helps people leaving prison transition to care; identifies HIV+ individuals who are currently not receiving HIV primary medical care and/or behavioral health care and helps to link them into treatment; support groups; Women's Initiative targets HIV+ women and HIV+ women who have children who are not positive; food pantry and food vouchers; BEBASHI 'S HYPE (Helping Young People Excel) program combats STD, HIV infection, and teen pregnancies among adolescents; workshops during classroom and after school programs, community centers, and housing projects; Early Intervention targets high risk women in non traditional settings (soup kitchens, WIC programs, shelters) for HIV/STI screening and referral to needed resources.”

“We believe that the first line of defense against HIV/AIDS is prevention: primarily, keeping people from becoming infected with HIV and; secondarily, preventing those who are already HIV-positive from infecting others. If we do not stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in this country, then we may face many of the same challenges now being encountered in Africa, specifically, the costs of keeping people alive may become too prohibitive.” -- BEBASHI literature. Thank you all who contributed to help this wonderful organization.

SHUT UP AND DANCE (Using the Sedona Method)

Presented by Reverend Linda Rukmini Spiritoso at

Pebble Hill Interfaith Church

Sunday, June 12th from 1-4 p.m.

in the Red Barn

Cost: \$15.00

To register contact: contact events@pebblehillchurch.org or 610-789-9833

Our Father by Andy Wright, Council President

Those of you who have discussed philosophy with me know that I was trained as a physicist, and that modern physicists are mystics. How so? The ancient Greeks presupposed that the world was made of indivisible building blocks called atoms. In the 20th century physicists found that atoms were divisible and had nuclei and electrons in them. At first they were thought to be like our solar system's sun and planets, everything classified, ordered, and in its place. Like the clockworks of the ancients and of Newton.

Then they found that what was in the atom defied that order, and followed an order that would only easily make sense to a mystic or to Jesus, as he answered that question - how should we pray? Inside each atom was a dance which expressed the physical and the spiritual (energy), the lover and beloved (observer and the observed), the masculine and feminine (immutable and re-born) in inseparably coexistent ways.

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The classical Middle Eastern religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam were all expressed in the evolving Semitic family of languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, and then Arabic). Jesus spoke Aramaic, his recorded words were then translated to Greek, and from Greek to the other European languages. The first line of his prayer in the English King James Bible was:

'Our Father which art in heaven',
—everything classified, ordered, and in its place. Jesus' prayer's salutation (first line), as recorded in his native Aramaic in the Syrian Christian Gospels (the Peshitta), is
Abwoon d'bwashmaya'

Ancient Semitic languages do not distinguish between outer action and inner quality, between means and ends. Their words have multiple meanings based upon the pattern of their consonants, resulting in a poetic ambiguity much less easily expressed in English. So the European translation gave his prayer a single literal meaning far short of the total expression of Jesus' words. These other meanings would not be lost on an ancient Kabbalist, a Sufi, or a modern mystic. They are not secondary or less strong, but inseparably coexistent. *Abwoon d'bwashmaya*, translated syllable by syllable:

'A' -- same root as *Alaha*, the Aramaic, or *Allah*, the Arabic word for God; an expression of the inclusive Unity of All that is. Note that this root is neither masculine or feminine and therefore talks of both.

'b' / 'w' -- these consonants imply personal or spiritual fathering respectively, depending on their emphasis. *Abba* is your family father in Aramaic, while a 'w' would imply more following the tradition of or example of.

'abw' -- could be interpreted as parenting, both physical and spiritual, from the Unity

of All.

'oo' -- the breath or spirit, including invisible forces such as wind, magnetism, or electricity. Following 'abw' it could be interpreted as the Holy Spirit.

'n' -- the vibration from the act of creating, moving, changing, touching, resonating, or interacting.

'Abwoon' -- among other meanings, could be seen as the Divine Creative Force, the Parent of All there is, or the Light which brought (us) All into existence.

'bwa' -- combined implies birthing or blessing.

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'**shm**' -- from the Hebrew 'shem', that which rises or shines. The totality of one's light, sound, or name, your perceivable essence.

'**aya**' -- ending implies every activity, place, or potential of all beings.

'**shmaya**' -- could be that by which one recognizes the existence of the One, and is the Aramaic word for heaven.

Jesus' expression of the dance of God, Spirit, and Divine action mirrors physicists' observations of what was happening to the newly found entities within the atom. They are inseparably and indistinguishably both physical entities and waves of energy unique to their particular dance. Consider the lowly electron. It has no mass or size. Absence of interaction with other, it has no meaning or existence.

Each electron is at once everywhere in the universe. It, like all other fundamental entities, is born magically out of the seething void, and will disappear back into it. This dance with the void is without end (entropy). If an electron is born with a sibling, it will always know of that sibling, wherever in the universe the sibling wanders.

If an state of an electron is truly known (beloved) by an observer, the state of its sibling will simultaneously become certain (unhidden). The dance of the electrons within every atom effects and is effected by the surrounding atoms. This effect, is what we call heat, sound, light, and is how we observe the world around us.

If you observe a tiny bacteria under a microscope, you will see it jiggle. This is caused the dance of the surrounding water's electrons, a fundamental dance of the universe. If you point a radio telescope to a point in the sky were there is no star, or gas cloud, you will still hear a faint (2.7deg K) hiss. Your are hearing the act of the creation of the universe. You may have to look carefully, but to a physicist,

you can always see heaven.

Jesus' salutation is not part of some lost ancient world, but an apt expression of the inclusive integration of all existence, action, and relationship that underlies our world. It does not suffer from the breakdown and blindness of our current narrowly materialistic world view, and is certainly worth our meditation.



PS -- please go to my source, author Neil Douglas-Klotz, for further study and more scholarly references. **Andy Wright**

**UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS
for Sundays in June, July and August 2011**

June 5 The Inner Awakening Process. Yoga teacher Ma Archanaa Ananda will be our speaker and Chloe Iceman will lead. The Mandala kirtan group will perform.

June 12 The Sedona Method. A subtle, powerful method for releasing negative feelings and enhancing the positive. Stay for our garden Worm and Compost Demonstration at 1pm.

June 19 Camp Sunday! Come and get a taste of the fun and family-like atmosphere at our camp in the Poconos. If you haven't signed up, be sure to bring your checkbook! Susan Manning to lead.

June 26 Twilight Wish Foundation Cass Forkin to tell us her personal story about founding this amazing organization that gives deserving seniors their dearest wish. Its national headquarters is located in Doylestown.

July 3 Freedom Of Religion

July and August Celebrations will be hosted by Gary Culp and Denny Daikler.

July 10 Jon Mundy, Ph.D., Guest, Stop It, Quieting the projective mind."

July 17: Soul Synchronization - Becoming awake - sound is foundation

July 24: Unified Understanding Mind patterns - Becoming Aware.

July 31: Practicing Perfection Being Alive! choosing our action.

August 7 Peace Sunday. Our Annual presentation of the Pebble Hill Peace Award!

August 14: Managing Miracles Believe, there is good out there!

August 21: Projecting Possibility Intentionality and Inception.

A Message from the Celebration Team

Renaissance Greetings! Hello to all of you from the Pebble Hill Interfaith Church Celebration Committee, whose job and privilege it is to find and explore the possibilities of speakers teaming up with us to bring spiritual, meaningful, uplifting, and beautiful messages and lessons to our family of seekers.

We are inviting sharing's on any topics of a spiritual nature. We welcome diversity of beliefs and experiences of the divine in all forms. Appreciation, service to all and peace are important tenets of our spiritual family. Nature, one of the creator's greatest gifts to us all, can be a topic for sharing, as well as miracles, visions, all paranormal gifts and transforming life experiences. If you are interested in being a presenter of any of the above please contact us with an outline of your planned presentation for review.

Sincerely,

The Celebration Team

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Sybil West 267-884-5492

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Pebble Hill Interfaith Church Calendar

Weekly Schedule

Day	When	Time	Event	Where
Sunday	Weekly	9:00 AM	Peace Meditation	YB
Sunday	Weekly	10:30 AM	Celebration	RB
Sunday	1st Sunday	Follows Celebration	Pebble Art Gallery	RB
Sunday	2nd Sunday	Follows Celebration	Peace Soup Sunday	LRB
Monday	Weekly	6:30 PM	Inchantations/Patagun Rehearsal	RB
Tuesday	Weekly	7:30 PM	12-Step: "Came to Believe" AA	RB
Tuesday	Weekly	7:30 PM	Celebration Team Meeting	RB
Tuesday	Weekly	7:30 PM	Mindfulness Sangha	YB
Wednesday	Weekly	12:00 PM	ACA Group	RB
Wednesday	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pebble Hill Council Meeting	RB
Wednesday	Weekly	7:30 PM	12-step: "Freedom to Live" NA	LRB
Wednesday	4th Wednesday	7:30 PM	New Hope Metaphysical Society	RB
Thursday	Weekly	7:00 PM	Line Dancing	RB
Thursday	Weekly	7:30 PM	Inquiry Into Awakening	YB
Friday	1st Friday	7:00PM	Pathwork	RB
Friday	2nd Friday	8:00PM	Community Drum Circle	RB
Saturday	Weekly	11:00 PM	12 Step "The 11th Hour" NA	LRB

RB - Red Barn

YB Yellow Barn

LRB – Lower Red Barn

For further information about events scheduled for each month go to the Pebble Hill Church

Web Site: <http://pebblehillchurch.org/webcal/month.php> or

call the Pebble Hill Church office at 215-348-3428

Planting the Pebble Hill Garden !

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Bill Talvitie and Gretchen Altabef preparing the garden



Gary Schoenberg and Jane Coale creating the compost pile.



Andy Wright tackling the weeds!