

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
OCTOBER 2005

NEWSLETTER

Sunday, **October 2nd**, will be a very busy day in the life of our church.

Join us as we celebrate **World Communion Sunday** and receive the **Peacemaking Offering**. On this day we join with Christians around the world in celebrating the unity that we find at the Table of the Lord. We also receive the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of our congregation, our synod, our presbytery, and our denomination to spread the peace of Christ. Remember that 25% of the Offering will be used locally. A brochure and offering envelope are included in this Newsletter. Please take a few minutes to learn more about this special offering.

Following worship our church has organized a **CROPWALK**. Our walk will be 5 miles in length, starting at the church and traveling up Valley Street, past the high school, across the boulevard to the Ruffner's house and then back to the church for refreshments and awards. CROPWALK is a program of Church World Service and the proceeds go towards hunger relief programs in the United States and abroad - and 25% of everything we raise will go directly to our own local food pantry! There is still time if you would like to walk (and incidentally the Steelers are not playing that day) to call the church office at 849-2413 to get a pledge envelope.

Thursday, October 6th, is the regularly scheduled meeting of **Presbyterian Women** in the education building. Presbyterian International Peacemaker **the Rev. Dr. Sirirat Pusurinkham** will be here and will provide the day's program. Dr. Pusurinkham manages a small orphanage run by the church she pastors in Chiang Rai, Thailand, on the border of Myanmar and Laos.

She will be here at 11:30 a.m. if you would like to come early and visit with her. Lunch will be provided at 12 noon, with the day's program to follow. Everyone is invited to attend. So if you plan to attend, please contact the church office so that adequate preparations can be made.

The **Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering** will be held on Wednesday, October 5th, 10 a.m. in East Brady. The program is titled "Celebrate Joy, Peace, Hope" and the ordination of women. If you would like to go, please call the church office (849-2413), Joyce Johnson (849-4619) or Betty Grunstra (849-2785). Lunch is \$4. All women are invited to attend.

Best wishes are extended to the following who were united in marriage:

September 3 rd	Nicole Bianco and Nathan Smith
September 4 th	Avis Divine and Sean Taylor
September 17 th	Jennifer Wilson and Dennis Knox

Congratulations to Heather (Dennison) and Brian Kaboly on the birth of their son, James Charles, born September 2, 2005. James is the grandson of Heidi and Jim Dennison and the great grandson of Janet Dennison.

On September 18th it was our joy to share in the **baptism** of Maverick Shane, son of Tracy and John Riddle, born April 27, 2005.

Nursery workers for October:

October 2 nd	Melorra and Keith Fleming
October 9 th	Betsy Reitz and Connie Borden
October 16 th	Gretchen Dinger and daughters
October 23 rd	Juliet Parlette and Kristie Taylor
October 30 th	Katie Fitzgerald and Vickie Storey

Sunday Morning Adult Education

October 2 nd	“Stephen” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Acts 6: 8-15; 7: 53-60 T.J. Parlette Joyce Johnson
October 9 th	“The Samaritans and Philip” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Acts 8: 4-17 Jerry Paden Lisa Chandler
October 16 th	“The Ethiopian Official” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Acts 8: 26-38 Paul Gray
October 23 rd	“Cornelius and the Gentiles” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Acts 10: 1-20 Ed Kelso
October 30 th	“Peter in Prison” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Acts 12: 1-16 Don Musgrave Linda Taylor

On Sunday, September 25th, during worship, Rev. Parlette was presented a silver pitcher commemorating the 15th anniversary of his ordination on September 30, 1990. Whenever you see T.J., please remember to congratulate him on 15 years of service in the ministry of our Lord!

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Bob Mohney for the beautiful table he built and donated

"In Memory of past custodians - Paul White, Jane Diener and James McManigle."
The table is located in the main vestibule.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING GROUP - OCTOBER 1st

A new group will be forming this fall. On Saturday, October 1st at 11 a.m. in the parlor, everyone who loves a good story is invited to come and learn how this talent could be used by God. This group will be learning to tell Biblical stories so we can let the scripture come alive like never before. So if you're a writer, a reader, an actor, a teacher, a parent, an aunt or uncle, or simply someone who loves to tell a good story - come give this a try. If you have any questions, call T.J. at 849-2413.

The **8th Annual Berry's Barnyard Bash** will be held on Saturday, October 8th, 6 - 9 p.m., at the Berry Farm. This is a "Family Fun Night Out" with activities for the entire family (apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, pinata, hay rides, hit & miss engines). Those attending are requested to bring a covered dish to share.

Members of other local churches participate in this activity also and this provides an opportunity to join in fellowship with other Christians. Watch the Sunday bulletin for directions. If you have any questions, contact Dave and Karen Ray.

Volunteers are needed to Greet, Usher and work in the Nursery. If you would be willing to help in any of these areas, please contact Lisa Chandler, moderator of Deacons, or the church office.

REMINDER: Daylight Savings ends Sunday, October 30th.
Turn your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday evening.

IN SYMPATHY

Effie Hotaling

A member of our congregation from

April 10, 1952 to August 30, 2005

Dr. Fred Philp, Jr.

A member of our congregation from

June 23, 1963 to August 30, 2005

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

The Nominating Committee has already begun its work on preparing a slate of officers for presentation at our November semi-annual meeting. If you would be interested in serving on one of the boards, or you know of someone you feel should be considered, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Committee members are: Georgi Fitzgerald, Gretchen Dinger, Janet King, Carolyn Motter, Dave Ray, Betsy Reitz and Linda Taylor. Each position carries unique and important responsibilities in the life of our church, and each affords the opportunity of serving Christ through working actively in our ongoing programs and mission efforts.

Duties of the various offices are:

ELDERS - are responsible for the administrative and spiritual oversight of the congregation. As a Session, the elders give direction to our Christian Education program, worship, mission outreach, and membership affairs. They establish the annual budget. They choose our commissioners to Presbytery.

DEACONS - serve in the compassionate ministry and in fellowship concerns for our congregation. They prepare and host our coffee hours on Sundays, and carry primary responsibility for our church picnic, Advent dinner, etc. They deliver flowers to at-home members, set-up communion and clean up afterward.

TRUSTEES - are those who concern themselves with our physical property and its maintenance. They also serve on certain of the Session committees such as Personnel and Finance.