

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 2005**

NEWSLETTER

WORRIED ABOUT THE FLU?

Around this time each year, we all start to worry a little more about picking up a cold or the flu when we go out in public. During the worship service, when we "Pass the Peace," please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands. If you are concerned about illness, please know that a friendly word and a warm smile pass the peace of Christ just as well as a handshake. By "Passing the Peace," we want to encourage an open and friendly environment - we don't want anyone to go home sick.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Rev. Parlette will be offering a New Members Class for anyone interested in joining The Brookville Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 19th, at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor. We will spend approximately 90 minutes together going over some of the basics of membership in the P.C.U.S.A. The class will join the church on Sunday, November 20th, during the worship service. If you are interested in participating, or know someone who would be, please call the church or speak to T.J.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, November 2nd, 9:30 a.m. in the education building. The Bible Study will be Lesson 2, "Songs of Worship and War" about Miriam and Deborah. The scripture readings are from Exodus 15 and Judges 4-5.. Hostess will be Kathy Kesterholt. You may bring your Thank Offering to this meeting. ALL women are welcome!!

Thank Offering 2005 - Since 1888, Presbyterian Women has funded aid programs through the Thank Offering. Eliza Clokey, who challenged women of the Women's General Missionary Society to give one dollar above each member's usual contribution as a "thank offering to her Lord," passed away in 2004; yet, after more than a century, her vision continues. This year, we continue that tradition by supporting 44 projects from 158 requests received. The \$834,535 from the 2004 Thank Offering will help support 23 projects in the United States and 21 projects overseas. Through the gifts of the Thank Offering, Presbyterian Women offers hope to the world, confident in God's steadfast love for all humankind. We give as we are blessed, offering mercy to others as God is merciful to us. Watch for the special Thank Offering bulletin and offering envelope on Sunday, November 6th.

Nursery workers for November:

November 6 th	Kristie Dworek and Karen Ray
November 13 th	Pat Ellis and Sue Moser
November 20 th	Lori and Paul Gray
November 27 th	Pauline and Courtney Kelso

Congratulations to Robert and Angi Bowser on the birth of their daughter, Mara Jade, born October 23, 2005. Mara is the grand-daughter of Alberta and Malvin Bowser.

Sunday Morning Adult Education

November 6 th	“Paul Becomes a Follower”	Acts 9: 3-18
	Men’s Class	Allen Hoffman
	Women’s Class	Carolyn Motter
November 13 th	“Lydia: A Committed Woman”	Acts 16: 6-15
	Men’s Class	Bill Kutz
	Women’s Class	Joyce Johnson
November 20 th	“Priscilla & Aquilla: Team Ministry”	Acts 18: 1-4, 18-21, 24-28
	Men’s Class	T.J. Parlette
	Women’s Class	Sue Moser
November 27 th	“Paul’s Farewell”	Acts 20: 17-28, 36-38
	Men’s Class	Jerry Paden
	Women’s Class	Linda Taylor

Additional Presbyterian Hymnals donated and placed in sanctuary:

IN MEMORY OF

Jeffrey Ferringer

Taylor Ellyn Lachnicht

John D. Matson

William Lewis & Helen Porter Snyder
Cora, Myrtle, Gertrude & Jessie DeMotte
Albert C. & Frances M. DeMotte

GIVEN BY

His Cousins, Jill Stephens, Bryan & Dan Ellis

Mom, Dad & Big Brothers, William & Alec

His Family

William L. & Nora DeMotte Snyder

IN HONOR OF

T.J. Parlette
K. Darr Briggs
Maynard Grunstra

GIVEN BY

Anonymous

A Thank You from The Pastor

On September 30, 1990, I was ordained as a Minister of The Word in The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. I was serving my first church, Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, as their Associate Pastor at the time. I never would have guessed that 15 years later, I would be happily married with a 3 year old son and living just 100 miles north, here in Brookville. What an amazing journey it has been and how the years have flown by!

I want to say "Thank You" to all the members of the congregation for the very generous, and very thoughtful gift of a silver communion pitcher on October 2nd in recognition of my 15th anniversary of ordination. I never expected such a present and I was deeply moved. I will use it every communion Sunday, and with every use I will always recall the joy and fulfillment of a life of service, poured out for others.

Thank you for a gift I will always treasure.

Peace,

A very special THANK YOU to everyone who participated in and contributed to our first annual CROPWALK. 51 walkers from Brookville and the surrounding area raised a total of \$2,789. 25% of the total raised will be given to the local food pantry.

MISSION FAIR

Your Stewardship Committee wants to thank all those who participated in our Mission Fair on Sunday, September 25th, and especially: Kiskiminetas Presbytery, the Trustees, the Deacons, our Christian Education Director, Presbyterian Women, and our Worldwide Missionaries. Chairperson Seacrist also wishes to thank the members of the Stewardship Committee for their efforts, particularly Van for solving so many technological problems, and Vicki/Debbie/Sue/Ann for so colorfully and tastily helping us to focus on our missionaries abroad. The event was a wonderful reminder of how much good our tithes and offerings do, both here in Brookville and around the world!

The **semi-annual meeting** of the congregation/corporation will be held Sunday, November 20th, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect church officers and receive the budget for 2006.

The annual **Community Thanksgiving worship service** will be held Sunday, November 20th, 7 p.m. at the Evangelical Methodist Church, South White Street. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pre-Advent Mission Project

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus told his disciples about what the Final Judgment would be like. He spoke of our need to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick and the imprisoned. As a way to meet the need Jesus spoke of, we will be participating in a mission project this month to provide the comfort of Little Debbie snack cakes and Hershey's candy bars to the prisoners of Pine Grove Prison in Indiana, PA. During worship on November 6th, the children will be handing out reminder cards for Little Debbie snack cakes so you may add those to your weekly shopping list. On November 13th, please bring the cakes back to worship and the children will supply another card for the 7 ounce Hershey chocolate bar. On November 20th, please bring the chocolate bar to worship with you and we will dedicate our offerings to God.

Advent is Coming Soon!!

Remember to cap off your Thanksgiving weekend by coming to worship on **November 27th** as we celebrate the beginning of Advent with **communion**.

Friday, December 2nd:

Soup & Pie Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., education building

Live Nativity 8:00 p.m.

Indiana Town Band immediately following the Live Nativity in the sanctuary.

The concert is sponsored by the Brookville Arts Council and Historical Society.

Tickets are available at DeMans, Forty Something and Jefferson County History

Center.

Sunday, December 4th, Advent Luncheon immediately following worship in the education building.

Meat, potatoes, vegetable, rolls and beverages will be provided by the Deacons.

Please bring a

salad or dessert to share.

Unraveling The DaVinci Code - An Advent Study

This Advent Season, Rev. Parlette will be leading a study based on the questions brought up by the best-selling novel (and soon to be major motion picture) "The DaVinci Code," by Dan Brown. We will examine questions such as Who was Mary Magdalene? Were Jesus and Mary married? What are the Secret Gnostic Gospels mentioned in The DaVinci Code? How were the New Testament Gospels assembled? The class will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29th, in the C.E. Wilson Room and continue through December 20th. Anyone with an interest in the topic is invited to attend - so bring a friend! Please use the attached registration form to sign-up so materials can be provided.

Yes, I'm interested and I'm planning to attend:

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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