

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
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NEWSLETTER

REMINDERS FROM FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER

We begin our Lenten journey with an Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes and Nails on March 1st, 7:30 p.m. in the C.E. Wilson Classroom. Come and join us and receive the physical signs of repentance to begin this holy season.

On the first Sunday of Lent, March 5th, we will have the pleasure of welcoming our own Nicole Johnson to the pulpit as she leads worship and tells us about her experience last fall in Brazil as a participant in the Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange program.

After worship that day, the Deacons will be hosting a very special luncheon of soups, breads and salads. Members of our church family are encouraged to sign-up to bring a crock pot of their favorite soup or a loaf of their favorite bread to share with everyone. We all should have the opportunity to sample every delicious soup.

The Lenten Bible Study, "Job and the Life of Faith: Wisdom for Today's World", continues on Tuesday evenings in the education building. The sessions begin at 7 p.m. If you would like to join in the study, please call the church office to register (there is an \$18 registration fee to cover the cost of the Kerygma resource book.)

The Confirmation Class for 2006 will begin on Sunday, March 12th, 9:30 a.m., in the upstairs classroom off the C.E. Wilson Room. The class is for 8th graders, or any other high school age student who didn't yet go through Confirmation. This class will meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 (with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 16th, and Memorial Day weekend, May 28th) in preparation for joining the church on The Day of Pentecost - Sunday, June 4th. To sign-up, or for further information, please call T.J. at the church office.

This year our church will again be participating in the Daffodil Days 2006 program being sponsored by the American Cancer Society. If you would be interested in purchasing a "Daffodil Vase Arrangement" for placement in the church on Sunday, March 26th, please call the church office by March 3rd. The cost of each vase is \$15 and may be given "In Honor of _____ or In Memory of _____." After worship on March 26th, you may either take your vase arrangement or it will be given to one of our shut-ins.

The church quilt group will be meeting in the education building Monday evenings in March from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Beginner and master quilters are welcome!! If you have any questions, please call Susan Benton.

As we journey through the Lenten season, there are several other opportunities for spiritual development:

Ministerial Association Lenten Devotion/Lunch Schedule

March 8 th	First Baptist Church	Rev. Jim Fillhart, speaker
March 15 th	We will be the host church	Rev. John Hollis, speaker
March 22 nd	Immaculate Conception Church	Rev. Ray Baker, speaker
March 29 th	First Church of God	Rev. Mick Chittester
April 5 th	1 st United Methodist Church	Rev. Jay Polowsky

Worship is at 12:05 p.m. with lunch to follow.

Good Friday, April 14th

Evangelical United Methodist Church

Rev. Kevin Bockus

Church World Service Kits

During worship in Lent, we are asking people to bring one piece of a "Gift of the Heart" kit. During the Children's Time, our young people will be giving out reminder cards for the next week so you will know what to bring. When the items have been collected, our Deacons will assemble the kits and get them to Church World Service. The items in this year's kit are: 6 cloth diapers, 2 diaper pins, 2 shirts, 2 wash cloths, 2 gowns or sleepers, 1 sweater or sweatshirt and 2 receiving blankets.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Every year our church participates in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering provides assistance and hope to a wide variety of people. For four weeks inserts are placed in the Sunday bulletin describing how the offering is used. Please take a few minutes each Sunday to read these inserts. Additional information can be found in the brochure included with this Newsletter. The offering will be dedicated on Palm Sunday.

Easter is April 16th. We again invite members and friends to provide **memorial lilies** for decorating the sanctuary for Easter. If you wish to order a lily, please phone the church office by April 7th. Unless you tell us otherwise, your lily will be delivered either to an at-home member, a member who lost a loved one during the past year, or someone else we would like to remember at Easter.

Presbyterian Women will meet Thursday, March 2nd, 11:30 a.m. in the education building. Joyce Johnson will lead the devotions. Lois Kelso and Lisa Pozza will act as hostesses. The Bible study will be Lesson 6 - "Lent: A Time to Keep, and a Time to Throw Away" based on scripture from: Ecclesiastes 3: 6b and Matthew 4: 1-11.

Please bring a sack lunch.

REMEMBER - **ALL WOMEN** are welcome to attend!!

Nursery workers for March:

March 5th Gretchen Dinger and daughters
March 12th Jennifer Weaver and Debi Ruffner
March 19th Kristie and Brenna Dworek
March 26th Vickie Mason and Jane Crissman

Sunday Morning Adult Education

March 5 th	"God Made Us Special" Men's Class Women's Class	Psalm 8 Paul Gray Judi Paden
March 12 th	"God Created Wonderful Things" Men's Class Women's Class	Psalm 104: 1-13 Ed Kelso Joyce Johnson
March 19 th	"God Created and Knows Us" Men's Class Women's Class	Psalm 139: 1-3, 7-14, 23-24 Allen Hoffman
March 26 th	"A Hymn of Praise to the Creator" Men's Class Women's Class	Psalm 145: 1-13 Jerry Paden