

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA  
JANUARY 2007

# NEWSLETTER

On **January 7<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating **The Baptism of our Lord** during worship. It will be a busy Sunday as we will also celebrate **The Sacrament of Holy communion** and ordain and install our Elders, Deacons and Trustees for the coming year.

## Elder and Deacon Training Opportunities

Elders will have their new Elder training session at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, in the parlor.

Deacons will have their new Deacon training session at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the parlor

immediately preceding the scheduled Deacons meeting.

**THANKS** to the Deacons for hosting our annual Advent dinner after worship on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** for your support of our denomination's **Christmas Joy Offering**.

The Offering, which helps college youth and retired church workers, truly bring joy to others. We have given \$1,115.00 as of December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Offering envelopes** for use in 2007 have been mailed. If you did not receive a box, and you wish to use weekly envelopes, please call the church office.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. in the education building. The Bible Study will be Lesson 3 "Perspectives on Sibling Rivalry - Cain and Abel" based on scripture readings from Genesis 4: 1-16. Please bring a sack lunch. Come and share in the fellowship of this most joyous season. **REMEMBER - ALL** women are welcome!!

**Congratulations to:**

Amber and T.J. Greeley on the birth of their daughter, Madison Nicole, born December 19, 2006.

Madison is the grand-daughter of Judy and Terry Greeley and the great grand-daughter of Lyddie Summerville.

Jenny and Denny Knox on the birth of their daughter, Chloe Mae, born December 21, 2006. Chloe is the grand-daughter of Crystal and Larry Wilson.

**Nursery workers for January:**

January 7<sup>th</sup> Pat Ellis  
 January 14<sup>th</sup> Kim Bartley  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> Diana Furl  
 January 28<sup>th</sup> Brigette Matson

The Wm. P. Jenks Bible Class officers for the new year are:

President	Brad Greeley
Vice President	Donald Rhoades
Secretary	Van Curll
Treasurer	Bob Mohney

**Sunday Morning Adult Education**

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	"I Am from Above"	John 8: 31-38, 48-56, 58-59
	Men's Class	Don Musgrave
	Women's Class	Sue Moser
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	"Jesus Is Authority and Judge"	John 5: 19-29
	Men's Class	Jerry Paden
	Women's Class	
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	"Jesus Is the Bread of Life and Living Water"	John 6: 34-40; 7: 37-39
	Men's Class	T.J. Parlette
	Women's Class	
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	"I Am the Light of the World"	John 8: 12-20; 12: 44-46
	Men's Class	Ed Kelso
	Women's Class	

**Confirmation Class**

The 2007 Confirmation Class will begin on March 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., upstairs in the C.E.

Wilson room. Any young person in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to attend. Please call the church office to register.

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Applying Bible Principles

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. "Jumbo shrimp" is an oxymoron. "Ferocious lamb" is another. "Dumb scholar" is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, "Stingy Christian." Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Romans 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

Think about some of God's good gifts:

- ? God gives the seed (Genesis 1:11).
- ? God gives the rain (Job 5:10).
- ? God gives health (Jeremiah 30:17).
- ? God gives life (Acts 17:25).
- ? God gives strength (Isaiah 40:29).
- ? God gives riches (1 Chronicles 29:12).
- ? God gives grace (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- ? God gives eternal life (Romans 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 < for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure:

To give it back to Him.

That's why of all the oxymorons in existence, "Stingy Christian" is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, "What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have."

The annual meeting of the congregation/corporation will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship. Reports of the various classes and organizations of the church will be presented. All treasurers are asked to have their reports to the church office as soon as possible and no later than

January 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!