

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA  
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# NEWSLETTER

## LOOKING AHEAD TO THE LENTEN SEASON

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, "The Transfiguration of the Lord."

We begin our Lenten journey with an **Ash Wednesday Service** of Ashes and Nails on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m. in the C.E. Wilson Classroom. Come and join us and receive the physical signs of repentance to begin this holy season.

After worship on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Deacons will be hosting their **2<sup>nd</sup> annual luncheon** of soups and breads. 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. Those who attended last year raved about the wonderful variety of delicious soups and breads available to sample. This is an opportunity to warm and nourish the body on a cold winter day.

Once again, we will be undertaking a period of **Bible Study**, using the Kerygma Program's resource "**Parables: Stories for Life in God's World.**" Come join us on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m., beginning on February 27<sup>th</sup> and concluding on April 3<sup>rd</sup> (we will not have class on March 13<sup>th</sup> due to a Presbytery meeting). The sessions will be held in the education building. Registration will be \$16 which covers the cost of the student resource book. Please call the church office to register (849-2413).

We will also be assembling "**Heart-to-Heart Kids Kits**" during Lent. Our church has been participating in the Church World Service Kits project the past few years. This year's kit "recognizes that even as faces must be washed and bellies must be fed, laughter must be heard as well." During the Children's Time, beginning Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. There are numerous items in this year's kit - the list is as follows: 1 Rubbermaid Clear Impressions shoebox with lid, 6.5 quart, or other flexible clear plastic 6.5 quart shoebox with lid; 1 small stuffed bear; 1 soft small ball; 1 harmonica, or other small musical instrument; 1 6" x 9" non-spiral bound pad of regular or construction paper (60-100) sheets; 1 slinky; 1 yo-yo; 1 - 7 foot child's jump rope; 1 comb; 1 toothbrush (in original package); 1 tube of toothpaste (4-7 ounces); 1 box of 24 crayons; 1 large eraser; 6 new pencils with erasers; 1 pencil sharpener; 1- 30 centimeter ruler (12") and 1 pair of child's blunt scissors.

The Ministerial Association	<b>Lenten Devotion/Lunch</b>	schedule is as follows:
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	First Baptist Church	Rev. Bill Saxman, speaker
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Church of God	John Miller, speaker
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	We will be the host church	Steve McPherson, speaker

March 21<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Rev. Ray Merritt, speaker  
March 28<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Church Rev. T.J. Parlette, speaker

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

**Presbyterian Women** will meet on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 a.m. in the education building. The Bible Study will be Lesson 4 "Perspectives on Promise - Abraham and Sarah" based on scripture readings from Genesis 12: 1-20; 18: 1-15; 20: 1-18. Please bring a sack lunch. Come and share in the fellowship. REMEMBER - **ALL** women are welcome!!

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, will be Boy Scout Sunday as members of our Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop will be participating in worship.

Our Youth Fellowship will also be taking up the special "Souper Bowl" offering on that Sunday with the proceeds going to the Brookville Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

**Nursery** workers for February:

February 4<sup>th</sup> Kathy Dennison and Karen Shriver  
February 11<sup>th</sup> Ann Himes and Kathy Sobol  
February 18<sup>th</sup> Katie, Laken and Brooke Fitzgerald  
February 25<sup>th</sup> Cathy and Bob Steiner

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

February 4 <sup>th</sup>	"I Am the Good Shepherd" Men's Class Women's Class	John 10: 1-5, 7-18 Paul Gray Linda Taylor
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	"I Am the Resurrection and the Life" Men's Class Women's Class	John 11: 17-27 Bill Kutz Judi Paden
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" Men's Class Women's Class	John 14: 1-14 Don Musgrave Sue Moser
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	"I Am the True Vine" Men's Class Women's Class	John 15: 1-17 Jerry Paden Linda Taylor

## 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>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade is invited to attend. The class will meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. (with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the following Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>) in preparation for joining the church on The Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed up, or for further information, please call the church office or speak with T.J.

My deepest thanks to all of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards and to T.J. for his pastoral care. Carole and I feel richly blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring community.

Darr Briggs

This year our church will again be participating in the Daffodil Days 2007 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 25<sup>th</sup>, please call the church office by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost of each vase is \$15 and may be given "In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ or In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_." After worship on March 26<sup>th</sup>, you may either take your vase arrangement or it will be given to one of our shut-ins.

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Applying Bible Principles

"Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom He enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil < this is the gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that He also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from His hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then He allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what He has entrusted to us, no doubt He takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to His Word and His will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work here at The Presbyterian Church of Brookville.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?

## ANNUAL REPORT

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting of the

congregation/corporation, copies of the "Annual Report" are available in the vestibules and the church office.  
Please feel free to take a copy.

## PER CAPITA

The offering envelopes for 2007 include a "Per Capita" envelope. The "per capita" assessment for each member in 2007 is \$24.39.

In review, the per capita "is a way of sharing the costs that equitably belong to the whole Presbyterian Church community expressing the essential unity of the church..... so that the Presbyterian system can function on behalf of all of us. Each Presbytery is responsible for the timely payment of per capita for the current year." And each church within a Presbytery is responsible to pay their per capita assessment based on their current active membership. At Brookville Presbyterian, our per capita assessment is based on the active membership as of December 31, 2005 which was 549. Therefore, our per capita assessment due to Kiskiminetas Presbytery is \$13,390.11. Of this amount, Kiskiminetas Presbytery will keep \$9,113.40, the Synod of the Trinity will receive \$1,098.00 and General Assembly will receive \$3,178.71.

If you are able, members are encouraged to give something to help cover your households share of our per capita payment.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.

Thank you!!

### **The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas Leader Development Day 2007**

Basic Training for Elders, Deacons, Clerks of Session and Treasurers

"Faith In Times of Transition" for Pastors and Church Leaders

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 6:45 p.m., Marion Center Presbyterian Church

Schedule for the day

2:30 p.m. Registration & Fellowship

3:00 p.m. Workshops

1. "Faith in Times of Transition"
2. Basic Training for Elders
3. Basic Training for Deacons
4. Clerk of Session Training
5. Church Treasurers

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Worship Around Tables

6:45 p.m. Event Concludes

\*The cost for Leader Development 2007 is \$8.00 (with or without dinner)

Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

Reservation deadline is Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>