

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA  
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# NEWSLETTER

## REMINDERS FROM FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER

The Lenten Bible Study "**Parables: Stories for Life in God's World**" continues on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m., in the education building. If you would like to join in the study, please call the church office to register (there is a \$16 registration fee which covers the cost of the student resource book).

The **2007 Confirmation Class** will begin on March 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., in the education building (note change of location). 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.

We are 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 toothbrush (in original package); 1 tube of toothpaste (4-7 ounces); 1 box of 24 crayons; 1 large eraser; 1 pencil sharpener; 1- 30 centimeter ruler (12") and 1 pair of child's blunt scissors.

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.

The Ministerial Association <b>Lenten Devotion/Lunch</b> schedule is as follows:		
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

Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Evangelical United Methodist Church     Bob Bickerstaff, speaker  
Easter is April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

Every year our church participates in the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. This year the offering focuses on the question a lawyer asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus, of course, tells him the story of the Good Samaritan, a story perhaps so familiar to many of us that we miss a couple of its central points. One of those points is that Jesus is telling the lawyer, "The road to life goes through your neighbor. First, love God; next, love your neighbor." Our salvation, in other words, is not a private peace we can negotiate with God. It requires our being involved with one another. Just as the Samaritan saw the stranger on the road first as a fellow human being, literally stripped of all the identities that might set him apart from himself, Jesus calls us as well to pierce beneath the surfaces that make us believe our differences are crucial, down to the common humanity and need we all share.

The other thing he tells him is, "If you do this, you will live." This may be the gift hidden within the challenge to love one another. It seems that Jesus means that our separation from our neighbor, especially the neighbor we don't really want to approach, is one of the things that separates us from true life. It is in recognizing our own face in that of our neighbor that we can see the face of God. It is in recognizing our common need and our common humanity - with all of those we may be tempted to think of as them - that we can open ourselves up to God. This Lent, please consider your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing as an opportunity to recognize the breadth of your neighborhood and, in doing so, to recognize the depth of God's love for all of us.

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 Easter.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</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 and Lesson 5 "Perspectives on the Outsider - Hagar" based on scripture readings from Genesis 16; 21: 1-21. Please bring a sack lunch. Come and share in the fellowship. REMEMBER - **ALL** women are welcome!!

**Nursery** workers for March:

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Joni Kerr and Kayla Coon
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Debi Ruffner and Jennifer Weaver
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gretchen and Anna Dinger
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Fenstermaker and Katelyn Myers

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	"The Light of Love" Men's Class Women's Class	1 John 2: 7-11, 15-17 T.J. Parlette Joyce Johnson
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	"The Test of Love" Men's Class Women's Class	1 John 3: 11-24 Ed Kelso Sue Moser
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	"The Source of Love" Men's Class Women's Class	1 John 4: 7-21 Paul Gray Judi Paden
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	"The Way to Love" Men's Class Women's Class	1 John 5: 1-12 Bill Kutz Linda Taylor

**CAN YOU HELP US??** We have incorporated a CD recorder into our sound system. This has greatly enhanced the quality of the recording we do of the Sunday morning worship service. Turning the sound system on Sunday morning now requires more than 1 step. We are looking for a "team" of volunteers that will be available to turn the system on and off. Please call the church office (849-2413) if you would be willing to help us.

**PLEASE NOTE: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, this year.**  
Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before retiring Saturday evening.

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Applying Bible Principles

If you read annual reports from publicly held companies or banks, you will frequently see the word “fiduciary.” Fiduciary is used as an adjective to describe something which is held in trust. It is also used as a noun to describe the one who is a trustee who must account for that which is held in trust.

For example, a bank president has a fiduciary responsibility to stockholders in the bank and to depositors who place their money in the bank. A company treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners of the company. A payroll clerk has a fiduciary responsibility to pay people what they have earned.

You may never have considered yourself a fiduciary, and you may never have acted officially in a fiduciary capacity, but in reality, you are a fiduciary. All of us are. That applies both to Christians and to those who are not part of God’s family through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We who are Christians will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. There, we will not be judged for salvation, since the penalty and judgment for sin was settled once and for all on the cross of Calvary when the Lord Jesus paid the price for our sin. Instead, when we stand before Christ, we will give an account of how we have used what God has entrusted to us.

Just as a bank president must account to stockholders and depositors on how their funds are used, we must account to Christ for how we have used what God has entrusted to us. Since everything we have rightfully belongs to Him, we will need to report on how we have managed His assets!

As you consider how you have used what God has entrusted to your care and keeping during the past few months, what kind of job have you done? And more importantly, as a “fiduciary” of what God has placed in your hands, will you stand before Him with joy, eager to report on your giving and management of His assets?

## IN SYMPATHY

Robert (Benny) Buzard  
A Member of our congregation from  
October 18, 1972 to February 12, 2007