

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
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NEWSLETTER

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 1st

Come to worship at 11 a.m. and hear “ringing in your ears” courtesy of our Handbell Choir. What a melodious way to begin Holy Week.

Tuesday, April 3rd

The conclusion of the Bible Study on “Parables: Stories for Life in God’s World.”

Thursday, April 5th

Presbyterian Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the education building.

Our traditional Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. We will remember Jesus’ last supper with his disciples and partake in the Sacrament ourselves.

Friday, April 6th

The community Good Friday Worship service will be held at The Evangelical United Methodist Church at 12 noon. Mr. Bob Bickerstaff will be the speaker.

Come to our Tenebrae Service “Shadows of the Passion” at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary. Using the talents of storytellers (T.J. Parlette, Chris Taylor and Mary Ellen Stahlman), we will recount the last days of Jesus’ life according to Matthew. This service is very theatrical in nature and features original music written especially for this program. Our choir will offer some anthems and Alison Paden, Andrew McMurray and Raymond Greeley will be on hand to contribute their musical talents.

Saturday, April 7th

There will be an Easter party for the children at 3 p.m. in the education building.

Sunday, April 8th

Our Sunrise Service will be held on the lawn in front of the church at 7 a.m. Immediately following worship, we will enjoy coffee and donuts in the education building.

And, at 11 a.m. - The Big Event. Easter Morning Worship. Come celebrate The Resurrection of our Lord amidst the fragrance of the lilies, the beauty of our sanctuary, the stirring music of our choir and our Easter message.

Church World Service Kits - During the Children’s Time of worship in Lent our young people have been giving our reminder cards for items in the “Heart-to-Heart Kids Kits.” We are nearing the

completion of this project. A complete listing of the items in the kit (and a completed kit) can be found on the table in the main vestibule. When the items have been collected, our Deacons will assemble the kits and get them to Church World Service.

One Great Hour of Sharing - The theme this year is "Who is my neighbor." Every year our church participates in this offering. 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 bulletins describing how the offering is used. Please take a few minutes each Sunday to read these inserts. The offering will be dedicated on Easter.

There is still time to order your **memorial lilies** for decorating the sanctuary on Easter. If you wish to order a lily, please phone the church office by April 2nd. Unless you tell us otherwise, your lily will be delivered either to an at-home member, member in a nursing home, 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, April 5th, 11:30 a.m. in the education building.

Sharon Curll will lead the devotions and act as hostess. The Bible Study will be Lesson 6 - "Perspectives on Sacrifice - Abraham" based on scripture readings from

Genesis 22: 1-24. Please bring a sack lunch.

REMEMBER - ALL WOMEN are welcome to attend!!!

PW Spring Gathering will be held Saturday, April 21st, at Indiana Graystone Presbyterian Church. Leaders for the day will be: The Rev. Katie Ward Stear, sermon and communion; speaking on "Family Life and Values" will be Judge Carol Hanna; Donna Doult will do a presentation on Rwanda; and a story teller will provide insight on Sarah and Jonah's daughter.

Our Handbell Choir will be participating in a Spring Handbell Festival at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 22nd, 7 p.m. Other participating handbell choirs are: the First Presbyterian Church of Clarion, the First English Lutheran Church of Punxsutawney and the choir from the Hazen Charge of the United Methodist Church. The choirs will be playing individually and in combination. Please put this date on your calendar and come and enjoy a night of music.

Also, the choirs of the Presbyterian Church of Beechwoods, Brookville, Mt. Tabor, New Rehoboth, Pisgah and Sugar Hill will join in celebration at the Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Corsica, on Sunday, May 6th, beginning at 7 p.m. An offering will be received and refreshments will follow.

Nursery workers for April:

April 1 st	Sue Moser and Juliet Parlette
April 8 th	Judi and Jerry Paden
April 15 th	Karen and David Ray
April 22 nd	Kathy and D.J. Dennison
April 29 th	Cindy Zidek and Kayla Coon

Sunday Morning Adult Education

April 1 st	“Available for Service” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Revelation 1: 4-15 Don Musgrave Judi Paden
April 8 th	“Christ Is Risen” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Revelation 1:12, 17-18; John 20: 11-16, 30-31 Jerry Paden Joyce Johnson
April 15 th	“Called to Be Faithful” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Revelation 2: 8-17 T.J. Parlette Judi Paden
April 22 nd	“Hold to Sound Teaching” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Revelation 2: 18-29 Ed Kelso
April 29 th	“Good News, Bad News” Men’s Class Women’s Class	Revelation 3: 7-10, 15-21 Paul Gray

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Applying Bible Principles

A wise person once observed, “Half of any task is having the right tool, and the other half is knowing what to do with it.” Although we don’t often consider it as such, money is a tool which God uses in our lives as a means of spiritual growth.

You see, money is not an end in and of itself. It is a means to an end. And in God’s hands, one of its primary “ends” is to instruct us and to help us grow spiritually. God especially wants us to avoid our natural tendency which is bent toward selfishness, greed, and hoarding. That’s why the Lord Jesus said, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions” (Luke 12:15).

Well, if an individual’s life does not consist in having a lot of possessions, in what does it consist? Jesus provided an insightful answer to that question in Matthew 6: 20-21, where He said, “... store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Now, according to Jesus’ teaching in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25), there is nothing wrong with saving. There is nothing wrong with investing or earning interest on investments. There is nothing wrong with being a wise steward by planning for the future. In fact, Jesus taught that those who do so are to be commended. But our primary emphasis as God’s children is to make our investments in the “Bank of Heaven.” When we do that, our investments are secure. They are not affected by inflation, by theft, by wear and tear, or anything of the kind.

There is only one way to make deposits in this special “bank”: By giving to the Lord’s work. Although the money is used here, it is credited to your eternal account. Each time you give your tithes and offerings at The Presbyterian Church of Brookville, you are giving to the Lord by investing for eternity. You are storing up “treasures in heaven” that will glorify God forever.