

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA  
JUNE 2007**

# NEWSLETTER

Beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will gather for worship at 10 a.m.  
Our summer worship schedule will continue through August 26<sup>th</sup>.  
As in previous years, we would like to have members volunteer to host coffee hour during the summer. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the education building, or you may call the church office to volunteer.

**WELCOME!!** On Pentecost the members of the confirmation class united with our congregation. Please take a few minutes to welcome Skyler Bartley, Adam Dennison, Christian Gerg, Chase Lyle, Katelyn Myers, Angela Snyder, Makenna Truman and Tighe Truman.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. in the education building. Joyce Johnson will lead the devotions and act as hostess. The Bible Study will be Lesson 8 - "Perspectives on Righteousness - Tamar" based on scripture readings from Genesis 38. Please bring a sack lunch.

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

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	"Amos Challenges Injustice" Men's/Women's Class	Amos 5: 10-15, 21-24 Linda Taylor
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	"Hosea Preaches Against Israel" Men's/Women's Class	Hosea 4: 1-4; 7: 1-2; 12: 8-9 Don Musgrave
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	"Isaiah Invites Us to God's Feast" Men's/Women's Class	Isaiah 55: 1-3, 6-11 T.J. Parlette

# CONGRATULATION CLASS OF 2007

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all members  
who will be graduating from high school  
and those who have graduated from college.

On Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the following high school seniors will be recognized during worship:  
Sam Bartley, Phillip Berry, Ryan Bish, Jason Clark, Dan Emery, Ashley Greeley,  
Max Kutz, Brendon Mason, C.G. Mercatoris, Mark Mohny, Alison Paden and Matthew Pozza.

To all our graduates **BEST WISHES** in your future endeavors!!!

**Congratulations** to Melinda and Adam Burton on the birth of their son, Luke Eugene, born May 7, 2007.  
Luke is the grandson of April Crance and Richard Reitz.

## Nursery workers for June:

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Molly Main and Brigette Matson
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Reitz
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Church Picnic
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Katie and Laken Fitzgerald

**Best wishes** to Kelly Carnes and Bryan Birch who were united in marriage May 12, 2007 in our sanctuary.

The annual **church picnic** has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**,  
at the Memorial Park. Everyone is invited to attend. Our men's  
bar-b-q crew will be busy cooking their delicious chicken. You are  
asked to bring a tureen to share. Dress casually. There will be games  
for the kids. We will gather for **worship at 10:30 a.m.** with the picnic  
to follow. If you need a ride, please call the church office.

Come together with members of our church family....

Enjoy the beauty of the earth....

Share in this time of fellowship....

## CHECK OUT SPECIAL LAUREL WEEK EVENTS

Rev. Parlette will be doing a "**Blessing of the Pets**" on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. at the courthouse. This blessing will be in conjunction with the annual pet parade held during Laurel Week.

Our church will be hosting a "**Community Cook-out**" on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6 - 8 p.m., during Laurel week. Come join us for hot dogs, chips and cookies on the front lawn. There will be face painting for the kids and live music by Gary Bickerstaff. Don't forget to bring a friend and show how hospitable Presbyterians can be.

# **ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP, NURSERY and CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS**

Our insurance company has recently asked us to follow some new guidelines in order to protect our young people.

If you volunteer your time as a teacher, helper or nursery worker, could you please contact the church office to arrange for Act 34 and 151 clearances. If you already have these clearances for another reason, please bring the originals into the office and we can make a copy for our records. The church is willing to reimburse you for these checks if need be - just let us know.

In addition, we have arranged with Vicki Smith to provide some training in recognizing child abuse for all our volunteers and teachers - anyone interested is welcome to attend. The first seminar will be held Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., in the parlor.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we take all steps necessary to provide a safe environment for our young people.

## **FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Applying Bible Principles**

“ . . . if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away . . . everything has become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Christians should have a different outlook on life, including money and material possessions. They realize that they own nothing, that everything they have belongs to God, and that they are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to them. Because of that, Christians should have a different attitude towards “things.”

That attitude demonstrates itself in many different ways. For example, Christians show mercy and give, in contrast to those who borrow and do not repay (Psalm 37:21). Christians should hold possessions with an open hand, and “refresh” others with their bounty (Proverbs 11: 24-25). They are honest and demonstrate their faith by their work and integrity (1 Thessalonians 4: 11-12). They give to those in need and thereby demonstrate to a watching world the love of God (1 John 3:17).

When this kind of lifestyle is present in our lives, Jesus said that people will see our good works >our different attitude and perspective < and will glorify our heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16). And as we seek His kingdom first and foremost, we have His promise that He will provide what we need (Matthew 6:33).

As others observe you and your lifestyle, do they see any difference because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? As they observe your relationship to “things,” especially to money, do they realize you are a manager, a steward, and not an owner? Or stated another way, is the manner in which you handle money and material possessions a testimony to your faith in Christ?

## **IN SYMPATHY**

Dorothy Irene Syphrit  
A Member of our congregation from  
October 18, 1981 to May 6, 2007