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**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**100 White Street**

**BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Summer - the warmest season of the year; regarded as a time of growth, development, fulfillment, perfection.

Autumn - the season that signals the transition between summer and winter; a time of maturity and falling leaves.

These are times so close on the calendar but so far apart in how we regard them. Summer is fun, laughter, vacations and time with family. Autumn has its rich harvests and beautiful leaves but also denotes a time to settle back into our regular routines including the resumption of regular worship/church activities with our church family.

**Worship** will begin at 11 a.m. starting Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Adult Church School** will begin at 9:45 a.m. starting Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Church School for children and teens** will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Please see the Christian Education page for information on this year's programs, youth events and news.

**Choir rehearsal** - Watch the Sunday Bulletin for date and time

**Handbell choir** - Watch the Sunday Bulletin for date and time

The **annual joint meeting** of the Session and Board of Deacons will be held Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the education building. This will serve as the regular September meeting for both boards.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. in the education building. This is their annual mission workday. Lunch will be provided at 12 noon.

As in past years, Presbyterian Women of Kiskiminetas Presbytery are sponsoring a mission trip to New Windsor, MD September 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Johnson and Nicole Johnson will be representing our congregation.

Presbyterian Women of Kiskiminetas Presbytery will hold their "fall gathering" at Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Corsica on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

REMEMBER - **ALL WOMEN** are welcome to attend any or all of these events!!!

**Men's Class Picnic** will be held Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Memorial Park. They plan to eat at 6 p.m. but come early for a time of fellowship. Please call Van Curl (849-7267), George Hoffman (849-2636) or Fred Kelso (849-7853) if you plan to attend

or need a ride.

## Sunday Morning Adult Education

September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	“God Created the Heavens and the Earth”	Genesis 1: 1-6, 8, 10, 12-15, 19-20 22-23, 25 Paul Gray
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Men’s/Women’s Class “God Created Humankind”	Genesis 1: 26-30 Ed Kelso
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Men’s Class Women’s Class “Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac”	Carolyn Motter Genesis 15: 5-6; 18:11-14a; 21:1-8 T.J. Parlette Judi Paden
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Men’s Class Women’s Class “Abraham, Hagar, and Ishmael”	Genesis 21: 9-21 Jerry Paden Joyce Johnson
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Men’s Class Women’s Class “Isaac and Rebekah”	Genesis 24: 34-40, 42-45, 48 Bill Kutz

### **Congratulations to:**

Julie and Travis Chapman on the birth of their daughter, Addison Jean, born June 26, 2007.

Addison is the grand-daughter of Susan and Jon Benton.

Kara and Billy Taylor on the birth of their daughter, Ava Grace, born June 26, 2007.

Ava is the grand-daughter of Susan Morrison Bane and the great grand-daughter of Gladys and Bill Morrison.

Angi and Rob Bowser on the birth of their daughter, Kailin Grace, born July 1, 2007.

Kailin is the grand-daughter of Alberta and Mal Bowser.

Emily and Scott Davie on the birth of their son, Ty Scott, born July 11, 2007.

Ty is the grandson on Ann and Denny Hulse and the great grandson on Helen McKinley.

Sabrina and David Rotsch on the birth of their daughter, Jayden Arabella, born July 14, 2007.

Jayden is the grand-daughter of Jane and David Duncan and the great grand-daughter of Betty and Dave Duncan.

Kristie and Chris Taylor on the birth of their son, Rees Henry, born July 25, 2007.

Rees is the grandson of Linda Taylor and Dave and Cinda Taylor and the great grandson of Katherine Taylor.

### **Nursery workers for September:**

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joyce & Rick Johnson

September 9<sup>th</sup>

Debi Ruffner and Cindy Zidek

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Lisa Fenstermaker & Katelyn Myers

September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September 30<sup>th</sup>

Tracy Finnefrock and family  
Kathy Dennison and Sue Moser

## **COME HEAR ABOUT RWANDA**

On **Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** in the education building, our church will be hosting visitors from Rwanda. Gertrude and Pastor Eugene will do a presentation about the church in Rwanda. They will be in the United States from September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, traveling around our Presbytery speaking at various churches. Dessert will be provided.

As most of you are aware, Betty Grunstra has traveled to Rwanda and brought back many inspiring stories. We have just recently become a partner church in our Presbytery's Rwanda mission. So take this opportunity to learn more about what's happening in Rwanda, and might happen in the future as we step out in mission.

**Crop Walk** - On Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, following worship our church has organized our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual CROP WALK. Our walk will once again be 5 miles in length, starting at the church and traveling up Valley Street, past the high school, across the boulevard to the Ruffner's house and then back to the church for refreshments and awards.

CROP WALK is a program of Church World Service and the proceeds go towards hunger relief programs in the United States and abroad - and 25% of everything we raise will go directly to our own food pantry! If you would like to walk (and, again this year, the Steelers are not playing that day) call the church office at 849-2413 to get a pledge envelope. Last year's walk was a bigger success than the previous year with \$3,124 being raised - of that amount \$781 went to the local food pantry. Let's make this year's walk an even bigger success.

## **Gulf Coast Mission Trip**

In September of 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the United States with storm surges of up to 15 feet. The surge of water pushed inland for miles, and the path of the storm stretched from west of New Orleans. Louisiana all the way to the Florida panhandle. Presbyterians were some of the first folks on scene providing emergency aid.

D'Iberville, Mississippi is one of the hundreds of communities affected. It's located directly north of Biloxi, MS, separated by Biloxi Bay. The devastation was horrific. FEMA didn't arrive on scene for 7 weeks.

D'Iberville responded quickly, providing help to all citizens and establishing a volunteer worker camp, initially funded by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

To date: 405 homes completed out of 1,240 damaged, 370 destroyed. As of May 1, 2007, 410 are in the process of being repaired.

In late October of this year, our Presbytery is sending a mission team to help with the reconstruction of D'Iberville. Several members of our church will be part of that team, rebuilding housing for those who have lost so much.

Financial support is requested. All money donated will be used to pay for the costs of the trip and supplies to help with the housing project. Those wishing to contribute should make their checks out to Kiskiminetas Presbytery, clearly marked "Gulf Coast Trip" in the memo area, and mail them to the Presbytery Headquarters at P.O. Box 339, Yatesboro, PA 16263.

**Church Bowling League** resumes Monday evenings beginning August 27<sup>th</sup>. The evenings begin with brief prayer, then the warm-up period is 6:50 - 7 p.m. and bowling starts promptly at 7 p.m., with costs remaining the same as last year (\$7.75 per evening). Tobacco and cursing are strictly prohibited, and no gambling is involved.

Regulars on our Team 1 are: Jim Rhodes, Bill Ellis, Dave Ray and Alan Reitz.

Regulars on our Team 2 are: Denny Bartley, P.L. Walter, Karen Shriver and Geoff Seacrist.

Known subs include: Greg Sobol, Sam Bartley, Craig Coon, Don Rhoades, Nancy Smoose and Deb Fenstermaker. Anyone else wishing to sub should feel encouraged to contact Geoff Seacrist and Jim Rhodes to get on their lists!

Our Team 1 has dominated over the past eight bowling seasons with seven (7) championships and a second place finish. Last year, Jim Rhodes also won trophies for high average, high single game and high series; and brother-in-law Bill Ellis won a trophy for second highest single game!

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Applying Bible Principles

We've all heard the expression, "Money talks." That's true. Money does talk. Oh, not in words or phrases that constitute a language, but money talks. Because it is valuable to us, how we use it communicates volumes to those about us. People tend to spend their money on things that are important to them. With the exception perhaps of taxes, all of us vote with the contents of our purses, wallets and checkbooks concerning what means the most to us.

In fact, we could even go so far as to say that a person who does not spend money on something which is supposedly very important in his or her life really does not place much value on that item or activity. Suppose for a moment that you think "little league" baseball for kids is very important. You talk about it wherever you go. You attend the games. You enroll your own children in the program. But when someone calls you to ask you to be a sponsor of a team, or when someone "passes the hat" at a game to pay for equipment, you refuse to participate.

Would you not agree that an impartial observer of such behavior would conclude correctly that little league baseball really does not mean much to you? Your lack of financial support would outweigh the other positive aspects of your attendance, enthusiasm and participation.

The same thing is true in the spiritual realm. It is one thing to talk about Christianity. It is yet another to demonstrate our faith by how we use the money which God has entrusted to us. And that is especially true in our support of the ministry of The Presbyterian Church of Brookville. As someone said recently in one church just before the offering was received, "Lord, in spite of all we say and do, this is what we think of you."

Or as the Lord Jesus put it, "... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

# IN SYMPATHY

Martha Rhodes

A Member of our congregation from  
April 29, 1979 to July 31, 2007

Ruth Humphrey

A Member of our congregation from  
July 2, 1950 to August 6, 2007