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- * Newly designed look
- * Improved news and announcements section
- * New search features for finding historical sermons
- * Prayer Requests available online
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****Thanks to John McManigle for his tireless efforts to make this happen!**

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Remember to Remember



One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them.

“That’s the day the swimming pool opens!” answered one eager boy. What he didn’t realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America’s democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America’s best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 26.

We want to recognize our members and friends who currently serve in the military services. Contact the office with names and addresses.



Pentecost Offering

This year our congregation will receive the Pentecost Offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 11th, which also happens to be Mother's Day. The date seems appropriate. The offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults.

Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. Our portion of the offering will be sent to the Brookville YMCA to provide scholarships for young people who would not be able to use the facility without the assistance.

The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7,000,000 for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

In Memory

Katherine Sandt Taylor
March 31, 2008

Bernice Stewart
April 2, 2008

Malvin Bowser
April 11, 2008

Applying Bible Principles

". . . ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9).

God has a wonderful "system" by which we as His children are to get our needs met. It's a very simple "system," but somehow, we fail to utilize it as we should. Here's the plan: God says we are to ask Him. Is that simple or what? We are to call unto Him, to cry out our needs before Him, to bring our petitions before His throne. But somehow, we must think His plan is too complex, for with most of us, asking God is the last thing we do when we have needs.

Oh, we'll tell our friends. We'll discuss our needs with any and all who have the patience and courtesy to listen. We'll frequently complain about our problems, even to the extent of sometimes holding God responsible for His seeming failure to provide for us. But ask God? Usually we'll do that only as a last resort.

The result is a sad state of affairs among Christians. "You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures" (James 4:2-3). So our needs go unmet because either we do not ask or we ask with wrong motives.

J. Irvin Overholtzer was a pastor who was greatly used by God as the founder of Child Evangelism Fellowship. His philosophy of providing for the financial needs of this world-wide organization was this: "Ask God . . . and tell His people." Yes, we need to share our needs with others. We ought to make others aware of opportunities for them to get involved in being used of God to meet those needs. But the first step in the entire process is this: "Ask God."

And when we do, we can claim His promise stated so clearly in Jeremiah 33:3 < "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

Say, do you have needs in your life today? Why not "ask God"? Why not come boldly to His throne? Why not take Him at His Word and "call" unto Him? That's God's plan for His children: ". . . ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9).

Or as Eliza Hickock wrote a century ago, "I know not by what methods rare, but this I know: God answers prayer!"

Upcoming Worship

May 4

Acts 1:6-14: The eleven remaining disciples accompany the risen Jesus to Mount Olivet where they receive his promise of the Holy Spirit. Then, when he is taken up into a cloud, two angels appear to promise his return.

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11: Peter draws his letter to a close, he assures his readers that their "fiery ordeal" is a test of faith and an opportunity to share in Christ's suffering. He also assures them of God's grace to restore and strengthen them.

John 17:1-11: In this, his "high priestly prayer," Jesus glorifies God and then prays for his disciples that they may be protected and kept in unity of faith.

May 11 Pentecost – Communion

Happy Mother's Day

Acts 2:1-21: On the Day of Pentecost, Jews from every nation on earth were gathered together in one place. And the Spirit descended and, even though they were from many different nations, they began to hear, to speak, to understand.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13: It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to say to the world, "Jesus is Lord," Paul writes to the Corinthians.

John 20:19-23: On Easter Sunday evening, the Risen Christ appears to his disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit.

May 18 Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a: In an overflowing of divine creativity, the world is created.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13: Paul, writing to the church at Corinth, speaks of the love of God that comes to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:16-20: The risen Christ bids farewell to his disciples, promising to be with them until the end of the world, blessing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May 25 Music Ministry Sunday

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Isaiah 49:8-16a: Even though the hardships of exile might make it seem that God has abandoned and forgotten Israel, God will restore them to the land. God's steadfast love for and faithfulness to Israel is even greater than that of a mother for her nursing child. With a hopeful imagery of deliverance that harkens back to the Exodus, God promises that Israel has been tattooed on God's palms, never to be forgotten.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5: Paul tells the Corinthians that he and other apostles and teachers are servants of Christ and caretakers of God's mysteries. The Corinthians should not judge these teachers, for only the Lord judges.

Matthew 6:24-34: Following up on his admonition against storing up treasures on earth, Jesus declares that it is impossible to serve both God and wealth. Single-minded disciples, faithful, kingdom-focused followers, do not worry about even the necessities of life, much less wealth. God provides for lesser creatures – birds of the air and lilies of the field – so how much more will God provide for God's very own children?

Get Their Goat!

Don't Be a Chicken- Give One!



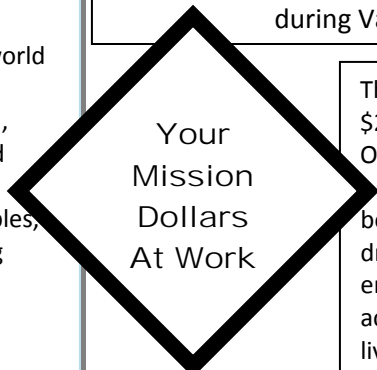
Outreach Committee is launching a campaign to help our partner church in Rwanda by providing the members of Buha Church with funds to buy animals. Buha is a rural congregation. They rely on the land and each other to survive.

Pastor Eugene feels they would benefit greatly from the addition of goats and chickens. The benefits of these animals can improve their nutrition and also can provide funds for school and other necessities.

*For every \$20.00 we collect, a goat can be given.

*For every \$2.00 we collect, a chicken can be given.

The campaign kicks off May 18th and will run through June. Even the children will get involved during Vacation Bible School.



Thanks to your generosity \$2,463.28 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your donations will be used to provide safe drinking water and to encourage people to take an active role in improving their lives.

Classifieds

CONGRATULATIONS: Carson Michael Greeley was born April 6th. Carson is the son of Brandon Greeley and Kristol Allshouse; grandson of Peg and Ted Greeley, great-grandson of Judy Greeley, and great-great grandson of Liddie Summerville.

WANTED: Articles for future issues of the Newsletter. If you have ideas for articles to encourage each other on our walk of faith, please submit them to the office. The newsletter deadline is noted on the calendar.

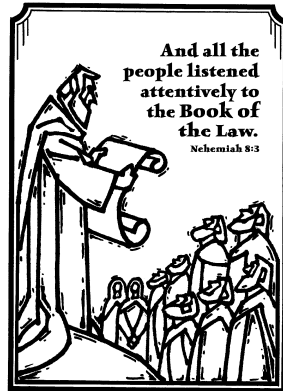
Sunday Morning Adult Education

- May 4 "The Temple Rebuilt"
Haggai 1: 1-4, 7-10, 12-15
Teachers: Bill Kutz

- May 11 "Rebuilding the Wall"
Nehemiah 2: 1-8, 11, 17-18
Teacher: Don Musgrave

- May 18 "Up Against the Wall"
Nehemiah 4: 1-3, 7-9, 13-15; 6:15
Teachers: Paul Gray

- May 25 "Call to Renew the Covenant"
Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 13-14, 17-18
Teacher: Ed Kelso



We are in the 100 days of prayer that are commemorating the 14th anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda. Our mission partners in Buha and the rest of the Rwanda Presbytery are remembering in prayer those who died. Won't you join them in this solemn time.

Notes from the Choir Loft



Martin Luther said, "Next to God, I give music the highest honor." Whether sacred or secular, Johann Sebastian Bach signed all of his compositions, "To the glory of God". There is a boy's choir in Austria whose motto is, "To the glory of God and the enjoyment of man." One book of the Old Testament is given over entirely to songs. The word "sing" appears in the Bible more times than the word "pray".

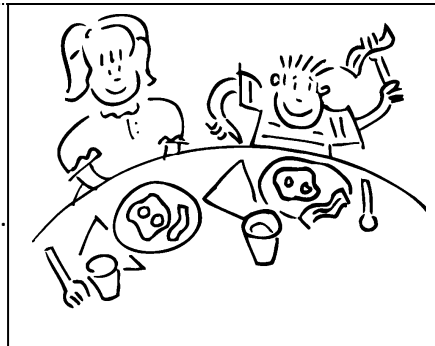
Many years ago, I began a tradition of having the last Sunday in May designated as "Music Ministry Sunday". I am delighted to say that your Session has allowed me to bring that tradition to Brookville. The theme of this year's service is "Make a Joyful Noise" and I promise you that you will experience the most "Joyful Noise" you have ever heard. There will be vocal choir, handbells, organ, two pianos, trumpet and percussion including tympani. We are going to blow the dust out of the organ pipes and rattle the windows! It is my favorite service of the year. It gives everyone the chance to celebrate one of God's greatest gifts to us, **MUSIC**. Come and show your appreciation to all the musicians and singers who are so dedicated and work so hard to add richness and color to our worship. Oh and by the way, it is ok to applaud in church. Why should we let the Baptists have all the fun! Go and make a joyful noise!

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Breakfast in bed

Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to being brought breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. Finally, the children called her to come downstairs. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs.

"As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."



CPR Class Announced

American Red Cross CPR training will be offered on May 20th at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the training will be \$5.00. Church members can receive the training at no charge. All members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Please call the church office to register by May 18th.

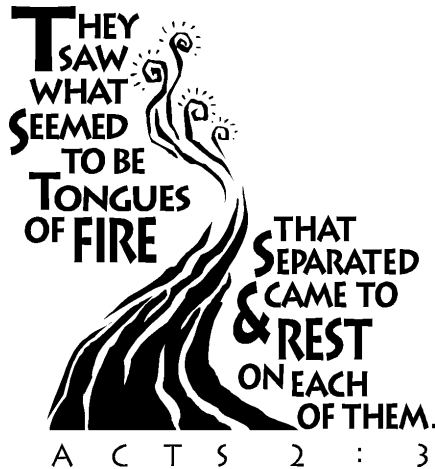
THIS JUST IN... KIDS NEWS

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

"IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE"

**WE BELIEVE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES
CAN COMPLETELY CHANGE US!**

LEARN ABOUT ZACHEUS, PAUL AND LYDIA!



May 18

Last day
for Youth
Sunday
School
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Youth
Scavenger
Hunt/
Cookout
4-6 p.m.

Church Camp

Register Today



Children Grade 2-12 are invited to attend church camp at either Westminster Highlands or Lambec. Many camp programs are offered. Call the office for a brochure. Scholarship money is available for campers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 23-27 9:00-11:30 a.m.

"The Power Lab" Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power

Children age 3- grade 6 are invited to experience a week of fun and discovery. You can sign up for VBS at our website: www.brookvillepresby.org. You can also sign up for VBS by calling the church office.

***** Teens are encouraged to sign up and help as crew leaders for the week. Call the church office if you are interested, or talk to Karen Ray.

