

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA
JULY/AUGUST 2006

NEWSLETTER

A summer **communion** service has been scheduled for **August 6th**

This is not a “special” day on the church calendar but rather the 18th Sunday in “ordinary time.” A time for us to recognize the extraordinary grandeur of God’s creation, express our gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed on us and pray for those who are not as fortunate. Join our church family as we sing praises to God and honor our Lord’s request to “do this in remembrance of me.”

WELCOME!! On Pentecost the members of the confirmation class united with our congregation. Please take a few minutes to welcome Sadie Atkinson, Shannon Chandler and Jordan Mason. It was also our joy to share in the baptism of Sadie Nadine Atkinson that day.

Sunday Morning Adult Education meet throughout the summer at 9 a.m.

July 2 nd	“Called to Relationships” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 7:2-15 Bill Kutz
July 16 th	“Called to Win the Race” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 9:24 - 10:13 Jerry Paden
July 23 rd	“Called to the Common Good” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 12: 1-13 Joyce Johnson
July 30 th	“Called to Love” Men’s/Women’s Class	1 Corinthians 13 Don Musgrave
August 6 th	“Giving Forgiveness” Men’s/Women’s Class	2 Corinthians 2: 5-11; 7: 2-15 Ed Kelso
August 13 th	“Giving Generously” Men’s/Women’s Class	2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 Paul Gray
August 20 th	“Giving Is a Witness” Men’s/Women’s Class	2 Corinthians 9: 3-15 Dennis Ferguson
August 27 th	“The Giving of Sufficient Grace” Men’s/Women’s Class	2 Corinthians 12: 1-10 Nicole Johnson

Many **THANKS** to Susan Benton and Linda Taylor for constructing the

banners currently hanging in the sanctuary. They are a beautiful and welcome addition to our worship space.

Nursery workers for July:

July 2 nd	Judi and Alison Paden
July 16 th	The Coon Family
July 23 rd	Lisa, Andrea and Shannon Chandler
July 30 th	Pat and Bill Ellis

Congratulations to:

Shannon and Shane Yanosky on the birth of their son, Seth Alan, born June 13, 2006.
Seth is the grandson of Evan Say.

Tina and Chad Householder on the birth of their son, Cole Nicholas, born June 20, 2006.
Cole is the grandson of Ginny and Don Ishman.

The annual **church picnic** has been scheduled for **Sunday, July 9th**, 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.....

Seven women from our church will be joining thousands of women (and men) traveling to Louisville, Kentucky July 7th - 11th for the PW Churchwide Gathering. The theme is "Creation! Celebration! God's Word - Light for the Journey." This five day event will include mission partners from around the world, visits to mission sites in Louisville and an opportunity for fellowship and growth. NOTE on the July calendar page when the church office will be closed.

The annual Presbyterian Women of Kiskiminetas Presbytery picnic will be held July 26th at Sharp's Campground in Shelocta. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joyce Johnson.

As in past years, Presbyterian Women of Kiskiminetas Presbytery are sponsoring a mission trip to New Windsor, MD September 26th - 28th. We would like to take new single or double flat sheets to Church World Service when we go. You are invited to bring these items to church during the month of August. They will be taken to CWS and will be available to be used in disasters or hospitals worldwide. Thank you.

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

Rev. Parlette will be on paternity leave July 16th through July 29th and on vacation August 7th through 13th and August 21st through August 27th.

Guest ministers/speakers during his absences will be:

July 16th the Rev. Jean Martin
July 23rd Guest Minister
August 13th Dan Clark, seminary student from Gordon Conwell
August 27th Robert Bickerstaff, chaplain of Trucker/Traveler
Ministry

Should you be in need of pastoral services during this time, please contact the church office (849-2413) or Judy Greeley (849-6762).

Summer is a busy time. We go on vacation, spend time with family and friends, or just kick back and relax basking in the warmth and majesty of what God has created. Traditionally this is a time when churches experience a financial crunch. Please remember to keep your weekly contributions current. Thank You!!

Our church has received a **“Certificate of Appreciation”** recognizing us as a **FIVE for FIVE Congregation** supporting Presbyterian Mission around the corner and around the globe, through the four special offerings and basic mission funding. The five offerings are: Basic Mission Support, Pentecost, Peacemaking, Christmas Joy and One Great Hour of Sharing. The recognition was received from Mission Education and Promotion, an Office of the General Assembly Council, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A very big **THANK YOU** to all who contributed.

THE PER CAPITA BUDGET (From the P.C.U.S.A. website)

“Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian Church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and independently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians” (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995, p. 301).

“In order to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity....” (Book of Order, G-9.0404), per capita is the responsible way of sharing the costs that equitably belong to the whole Presbyterian Church community expressing the essential unity of the church. The payment of the per capita apportionment can be seen as a sign of healthy relationships within the church, giving tangible witness to the unity and wholeness promised to us in Jesus Christ.

The per capita budget of the General Assembly principally provides for the cost of holding the GA meetings, expenses of the permanent and special committees of the General Assembly, the Office of the General Assembly (including the historical function and the office of ordination exams), the General Assembly Council, and comparable expenses to our memberships in ecumenical bodies. Fair-share costs relating to building operations and centralized accounting services are also included in this budget.

Every Presbytery is responsible for the timely payment of per capita for the current year. And each church within a Presbytery is responsible to pay their per capita assessment based on their current active membership. At Brookville Presbyterian, our current active membership is 555. Our per capita assessment is \$23.36 per person. So our per capita assessment due to Kiskiminetas Presbytery is \$12,964.80. If you are able, please consider mailing an extra donation to the Church to cover your household's share of our per capita payment. We have enclosed a special offering envelope or you can pick one up from the pews on Sunday morning.