

Bridesburg Presbyterian Church
2770 Pratt Street
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Philadelphia, PA 19137

APRIL - MAY 2010

HOLY COMMUNION
First Sunday of Each Month

FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY, APRIL 18th

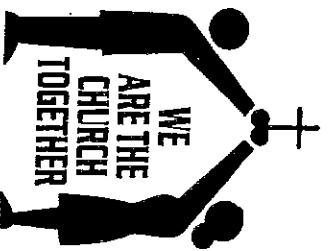
Kid Friendly - All Welcome

Welcome New Members

April 11th was a happy day at Bridesburg Presbyterian Church. We welcomed eight new members to our Church Family.

The following members were accepted by transfer and affirmation of faith:

- Henry Callaway
- Yvonne Callaway
- Jon McCann
- Nashaweena Rudzinski
- Jack Twist
- Montel Twist
- Anna Marie Smeykal
- Gayle Zionce



A small reception was held after the Church service. May God Bless You.

We would also like to thank Doris & Jim Angstadt for donating Bibles for the New Members in memory of her mother, Doris Eiler.



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FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 8th
9am to 3pm

(In case of rain will be held inside)

VENDORS WELCOME!

- \$15/large table
- \$12/small table
- \$7/space no table



Tables available on a first come basis
For info contact Melanie (215)203-2606

The proceeds of the Flea Market will be used to replace the back door of the church.

DID YOU SEE JESUS?

Years ago, in a small Penna. Town, a country church gathered for its Easter Service. The congregation was small and as the numbers diminished there was talk of disbanding, but a faithful few held on, believing that they had a ministry in the small community.

Every Easter, as congregations do, the church made vigorous preparations in the hope that a few visitors would continue coming. The tiny choir rehearsed its special music. The Sunday School children prepared a little program that retold the story of the men on the Emmaus Road, talking about Jesus' resurrection. The minister worked extra hard on his sermon.

A few women picked flowers from their gardens to display on the altar. When Easter morning arrived, everyone was expectant, hoping that they would be visited by some special guests.

A half an hour before the worship a stranger walked up to the front door of the church. The man took a seat off to one side. He had a disheveled appearance. He was not dirty, but his clothing had a musty odor, as if it had been packed away for special occasions.

A woman who was arranging flowers on the altar noticed the man and asked her husband to give him a bulletin. "Hi, my name is Joe," he told the man as he introduced himself as simply "Josh". As the church filled up, he remained in his seat, admiring the stained glass windows and enjoying the music which filled the church.

One family came in and started for their traditional seat, which happened to be where the man was sitting. When he noticed, he got up to move, but they insisted he stay where he was seated and they took the next pew. One of the family members reached around and shook his hand. "Hello, my name is Ann, and this is my family. Do you have a Hymnal?" Josh nodded yes and thanked the woman.

The service was a let down to many. The children forgot most of their lines and the choir sang out of tune. The pastor struggled with his notes and finally gave up as he noticed people were not listening.

As the people filed out, some commented politely, a few expressed their disappointment, some thanked their pastor for not seeking a larger church. As they talked, the visitor walked by and handed the pastor the church bulletin. Some wondered why he returned the bulletin.

The pastor took the bulletin and opened it, realizing that there was a note on the inside which was scribbled on a pew offering envelope.

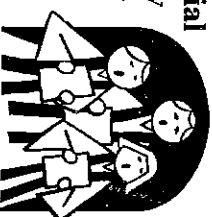
"Do not get discouraged, little flock," "you alone of all the churches I have visited have been worthy of my blessing. When I walked into a larger church down the road, no one greeted me or offered me a bulletin. A family frowned when I sat in their pew. They had an wonderful choir and an elaborate pageant. Unlike you, however, they did not sing or perform with heart and spirit but seemed wrapped up in impressing themselves. Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Joshua" The visitor noted Mathew 24:40.

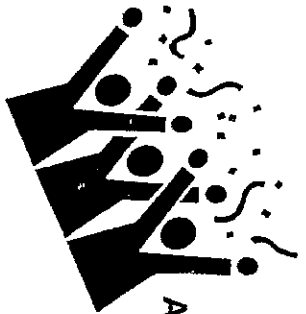
The minister knew the verse. It was the parable of the sheep and Jesus is telling the righteous sheep that they will inherit the kingdom of God because they showed him kindness. When they asked when they performed these acts of kindness, He said to them,

"Insofar as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it unto me." It was then the pastor realized that this was no ordinary guest. Indeed, Joshua is another name for Jesus and he couldn't help but wonder if this stranger was in fact an angelic visitor, or even Jesus himself.

This fictional story does give us some encouragement, for it tells us that when God looks at a church, He does not look at the number or the quality of the performance, but at the faithfulness and love of those who are present.

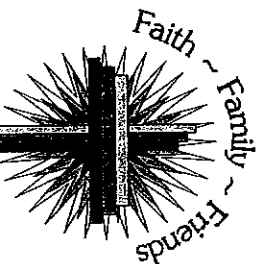
AND OUR CHILDREN SANG.....





AND THE WINNER IS....

Congratulations to Jill Elliott
for winning 1st Place in our
LOGO/BRAND contest.
Prize - A day at the Shore

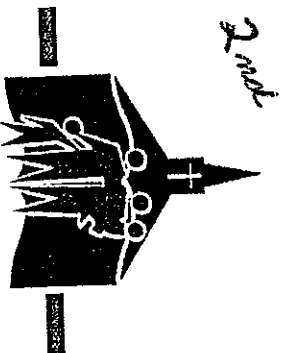


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REMEMBER MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 9th

Bring your Mother to Church



Congratulations to Linda
Hartzell for winning 2nd Place.
Prize - Gift card to Applebee's

We plan to use this logo on
all our correspondence, etc.



KIDS CLUB.....

For Valentine's Day the kids made
Heart shaped pillows for the shut ins.
For Easter they made Easter Baskets
for the Protestant Home. We received
thank you notes from Nancy Fleck,
Anne Wild, Dorothy Twist, Judy Pastor
and the Altimers unit at the Protestant
Home. These efforts, brought many
smiles. Keep up the good work, kids.

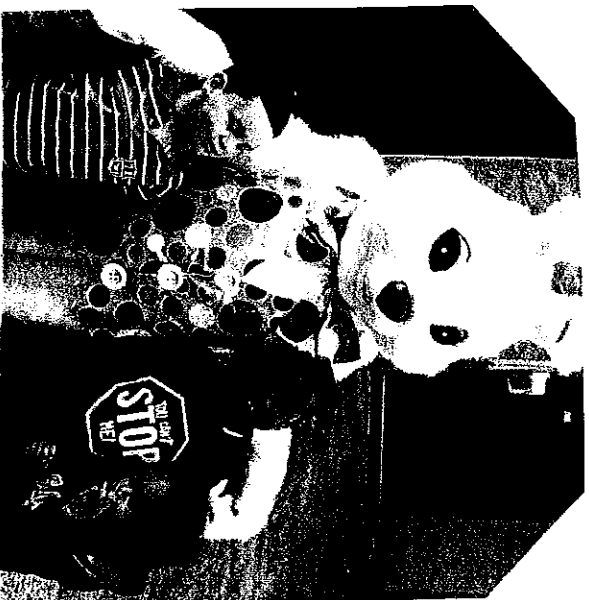


Our Sunday School children presented the play "Seeing Jesus" during the worship service on Palm Sunday. They brought the message that Jesus does not have to be seen in person; he can be seen through the kindness of others and the unexplained miracles in everyday life. At the conclusion of the play the children further demonstrated the love of Jesus in song (accompanied by Pastor Scott on the guitar).

Spring at Bridesburg Pres.



The Easter Egg Hunt was a fun time. Fifty-five kids from age two to twelve were running thru the cemetery looking for eggs. Easter Bunny was there to help.



One funny thing as we were hiding the eggs, a squirrel ran up a branch took the egg, we had just put there, chewed a hole in it & ran off with the candy inside. I guess even the squirrels wanted to have fun.



May each miracle

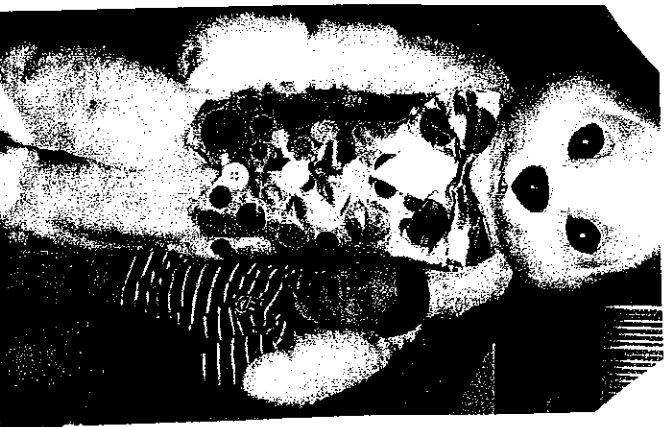
Of Spring

Be a sweet reminder

Of God's

Everlasting love.

Eighty children and parents attended the Lunch with Easter Bunny. Thank you Easter Bunny for making it a fun time.



Kid's Club Dates

- April 13th
- April 27th
- May 11th
- May 25th





**WE ARE
PRAYING
FOR...**

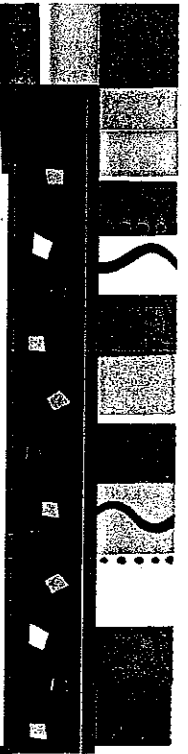
Please pray for:

Myrtle Lange, Nancy Fleck, Jack Twist,
Dorothy Horn, Dorothy Twist, Anne Wild,
Gail, Marilyn Hawkes, Tammy, Kelly T.
Julie Lindline, Tracey Smith, Dorothy Reid
Marlene Zebrowski, Thomas Stankowski,
Denise Cuddleback, Peggy Saunders,
Linda Doman, Agnes Eckert, Bertha Haug,
Thelma Nogowski, Tracie Roth, Eta Link,
Rudinski, Emil, John & Eileen Handelmeyer,
John Eichmann, Steve Probst, Bonnie G
Robin Belinsky, Cheryl Garvey, James
Stankowski, Kathleen Daly, Pam Smith,
Jack Schroeder, Harry Eskuchen, Kathleen Daly
Florence & Richard Nicolai, Jeffrey Jerch,
Bucky Nogowski, John Zabinsky, Nina Diaz,
Diana Allende, Lisa Zawislak, Helen Ingel,
Janet Mayko, Mark Bonto, David Malm.
Denice Eskuchen, Larry Mastio Sr,
Larry Mastio Jr, Bucky Nogowski,
Joanne Lopresti, Phil Little, Gary &
Cindy Hogman, Kelly T, Charles Eiler, Sr.,
Jeannie Campbell, George Rose,
Carmela Baione, Judy Pastor, Charles &
Betty Jane Harvey, Jen Watkins, John Zimmer
Henry Callaway, Roy McCann, Brian Beaton,
Bill Gilson, Patrick Karalawa, Barbara Olsen,
Tom Fedick, Helen Etsell, Bruce Beaton,
Jen & Debbie Appleton

Children in need of prayer:

Justin Refsnyder, Ashley, Hannah Ryan.
Vaughn Henry, Lily Duszka, Tyler Anderson,
Emma, Michael, Andrew, Paytin, Jennifer
Watts, Brandon, Alex Baione, Aiden,
Melissa, Tim Parvin

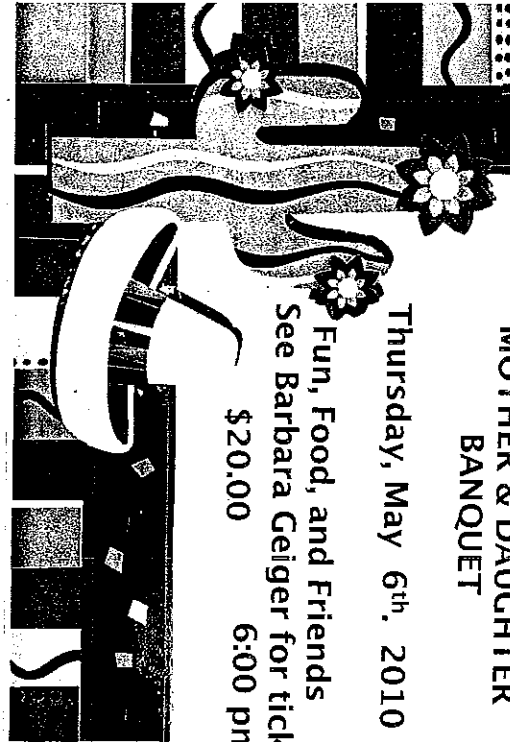
Pray for our servicemen: Michael Urban, Joe King,
George Reinas, William Applegate, Thomas Studely,
Jason Orlezkiy. Ryan Gorski, Derrick Hamm,



**MOTHER & DAUGHTER
BANQUET**

Thursday, May 6th, 2010

Fun, Food, and Friends
See Barbara Geiger for tickets
\$20.00 6:00 pm



Memorial Day



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS....

There are plans to extend Sunday School throughout the Summer. We are also planning the "Kid's Night Out" activities for July. If you have suggestions for entertainment, please tell Jean Beaton or Pastor Scott

SESSION MEETING.....

There are copies of the Congregational Meeting Minutes in the church vestibule. Feel free to take on if interested.

Next Session meeting will be on Sunday, April 25th

REFRIGERATOR LIST

Pastor Scott would like you to tape the Prayer List to your refrigerator & Each time you open the refrigerator, say a prayer for the next person on the list. It is amazing how many prayers will be said.

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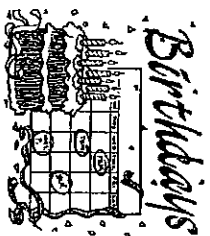
JESUS MESSIAH



Hallelujah Singers -
Sunday, April 18th 7 pm
Wissinoming Pres
5825 Torresdale Ave
Come to hear the concer
"Savior, Jesus Messiah"
No charge -
free will offering.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd - Barbara Eskuchen
- 3rd - Andrew Kolb
- 3rd - Jordyn Colville
- 4th - Lindsay Timite
- 4th - Mike Lombo
- 8th - Gayle Zionce
- 9th - Ronald Gunning
- 10th - Sue Gunning
- 10th - Joshua Torres
- 11th - Denice Eskuchen
- 19th - Lois Kolb
- 19th - Linda Hartzell
- 19th - Linda Kolb
- 20th - Nicholas Zionce
- 23rd - Catherine Griffin
- 28th - Eleanor Haug
- 30th - Anna Marie Smeykal



MAY BIRTHDAYS

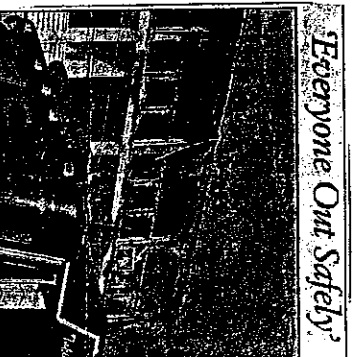
- 1st - Melanie Mazzitelli
- 2nd - Eyan Elliott
- 15th - Kathy Schroeder
- 22nd - Olivia Mazzitelli
- 23rd - Paul Hartzell, Jr.
- 28th - John Cressman
- 29th - Doris Angstadt
- 30th - Jim Dailey
- 31st - Michael Lombo

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th - George & Nancy Gianfortune
- 13th - Kate & Billy Hawkes
- 14th - Patricia & Jim Abrams

SAD NEWS.....

A fire destroyed the apartment complex of Elizabeth & Eric Benner in Lewisburg, Pa. They are the family of Yvonne & Henry Callaway. Nothing could be saved. Fortunately, they all got out safely. Thank God for miracles. They have two children, a 2 year old boy and an 18 year old daughter.



We are starting a fund to help them. If you wish to contribute, please see Barbara Eskuchen or mail your check to our post office box 11308, Phila, PA 19137.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

We are working hard to collect Sponsors for the Walk Against Hunger on April 11th. We have a corporate sponsor that will match our contributions.

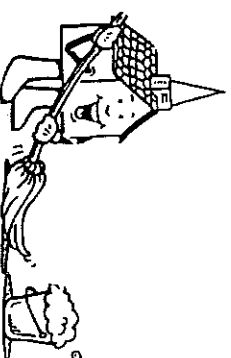
Our collection for the Feinstein Challenge is coming along. They will give us a \$1.00 for each can we collect plus match any money up to a certain %. The ending date is April 30th. Bring a can of food to church.

Opps, forgot to acknowledge the accomplishments of David Maitz our past president. Thank you David for inspiring the Ecumenical Spirit in our Community. Nice job.

Our Health Expo is scheduled for October 2nd at the Recreation Center

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Spring is Here Time to Clean UP

We can use your help. There is a job for everyone. Painting, pick up branches, cleaning, carpentry work. See Pastor Scott or Barbara Geiger to volunteer.