

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FROM BRIDESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2009

DO ANGELS REALLY FLY!

Yes, they do! We many not always see them, but their gracious ministry is still here.

We sense their presence when our hearts are open to the Lord's speaking. The "inner ear" of quiet waiting and loving devotion hears things that our "outer ear" often misses.

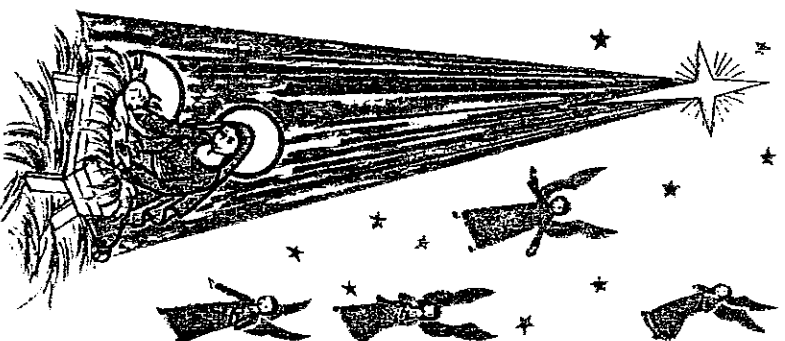
The clang and the clatter, the rushing and the stress, sometimes even more so in this pre-Christmas season, drown out the song of the angels. Rather than looking for Angels with wings, let us take another look at those good people here and now whose influence is so angelic.

Our spouses, children, parents, friends, people who in their daily tasks are making a better world are really angels, "messengers" of the Lord.

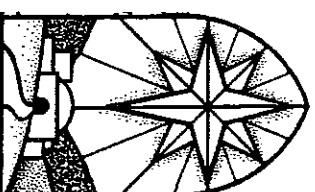
As dear Mother Mary beheld her lovely infant Jesus, there was a song of joy in her heart, and to her notes of gladness the angelic chorus brought symphonic fullness.

We too can be angels, messengers of helpfulness, not necessarily "in disguise." If your light is there, why "hide it under a bushel?" You don't have to "make" it shine. Just "let" it shine, and the Lord will do the rest.

During this Advent, shine forth, the Angels will sing and you will hear them.



Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24th
7:00 pm



THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

O LORD JESUS, we thank Thee for the joys of this season, for the divine love that was shed abroad among men when Thou didst first come as a little child.

But may we not think of Thy coming as a distant event that took place once and has never been repeated. May we know that Thou art still here walking among us, by our sides, whispering over our shoulders, tugging at our sleeves, smiling upon us

We thank Thee for Thy spirit that moves at this season the hearts of men to be kindly and thoughtful – where before they were careless and indifferent, to be generous – where before they lived in selfishness, to be gentle – where before they had been rough and unmindful of the weak, to express their love – where before it had been taken for granted and assumed.

We are learning O LORD, so slowly - -life's true values. Surely Christmas Would teach us the unforgettable lesson of the things that matter most – the ties that bind the structure of the family upon which our country and all the world rests; the love that we have for one another which binds Thy whole creation to Thy footstool, Thy throne. We are learning slowly, but, O God, we thank Thee that we are learning.

So may Christmas linger with us, even as Thou art beside us the whole year through. Amen.

COME CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON



Sunday, December 13th, 2009

2 pm

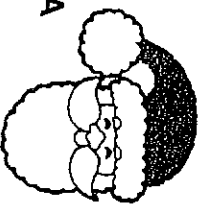
A time of music, song and praise
Come to hear great music by performers
young and not so young. Our music will
surely get you in the Christmas spirit.

Refreshments Freewill Offering

Contacts: Pastor Scott Bohr 610-564-6114
 Clerk-Jean Beaton 215-396-1330

Web site bridesburgpresbyterian.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Saturday, December 12th - 9:30 am

Have breakfast, fun with your friends, and
bring a camera for pictures.

Tickets \$ 4.50

Everyone needs a ticket, kids, Mom, Dad, friends
and neighbors (babes under 2 are free)

Does anyone need a free hospital bed?
A hospital bed in excellent condition
is available. Contact Linda at
215-913-6889.

CALLING ALL CREATIVE PEOPLE: We are trying to give the church a more up to date look. Now we have the picture of the church on our stationery, etc. Can you suggest a new look? We are holding a contest for a new Brand/Logo. Submit your suggestions, drawings, etc by December 31st. Great prize for the 1st & 2nd place winners. There is a box in the entrance for your entry.



**WE ARE
PRAYING
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, Howard Hoechst,
Linda Doman, Agnes Eckert, Bertha Haug,
Thehna Nogowski, Tracie Roth, Etta Link,
Rudinski, Emil, John & Eileen Handelmeyer,
John Eichmann, Steve Probst, Bonnie
Robin Belinsky, Cheryl Garvey, Jim & Pat
Stankowski, Kathleen Daly, Pam Smith,
Jack Schroeder, Harry Eskuchen, Kathleen Daly
Florence & Richard Nicolai, Jeffrey Jereb,
Bucky Nogowski, John Zabinsky, Chris Elliott,
Leon Schnabel, Nina Diaz, Diana Allende,
Cheryl Garvey, Lisa Zawislak, Helen Ingel,
Marilyn, Larry Mastio Sr, Larry Mastio Jr,
Linda Hartzell, Bucky Nogowski, Joan Etsell,
Melanie's Aunt Kathy, Joanne Lopresti,
David Malm, Phil Little, Gary & Cindy Hogman,
Charles Eiler, Sr., Dennis McCann, Joan Pardo,
Mark Bonto, Kim Hartzell, Rose Orletzky
Janet Mayko, Kim Moore

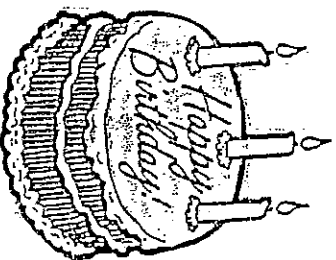
Children in need of prayer:

Grace, Joy Swan, Alexis Mortimer, Donald
Powell, Justin Refsnnyder, Matthew
Szcyporski, Ashley, Alex, Hannah Ryan.
Vaughn Henry, Lily Dusza, Tyler Anderson,
Emma, Michael, Andrew, Paytin, Jennifer
Watts, Brandon, Connor Hartzell

Pray for our servicemen: Michael Urban, Joe King,
George Reinas, William Applegate, Thomas Studely,
Jason Orletzky. Ryan Gorski, Lee Adams

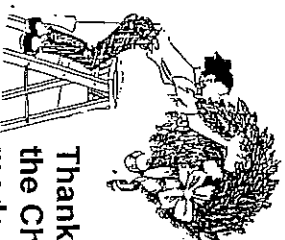
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Catherine Meenan
- 2nd - Jaiden Cottman
- 3rd - Shirley Lombo
- 3rd - Billy Hawkes
- 4th - Corey Demas
- 10th - Nate Shields
- 10th - Guy Tingley
- 12th - Sayli-Lynn Ludwig
- 26th - Robert Lenhart
- 26th - Joan Etsell
- 28th - Pastor Scott Bohr



DECEMBER SCHEDULE

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| Worship Service | 10:00 am |
| Sunday School | 9:30 am |
| Adult Coffee Time | 9:30 am |
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| Dec. 8 th - Kid's Club – 4:30-5:30
Presbyterian Church | Ages 6 to 12 |
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| Dec. 12 th - Breakfast With Santa
Sunday School Bldg | 9:30 am - \$ 4.50
(everyone needs a ticket) |
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| Dec. 13 th - CHRISTMAS CONCERT | Celebrate the Advent Season
2 pm - All welcome |
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| Dec. 20 th - Christmas Sunday | Sunday School Pageant
during worship service |
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| Dec. 22 nd - Kid's Club – 4:30-5:30 pm | Sunday School Bldg
Kids ages 6 to 12 |
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| Dec. 24 th - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | Worship the newborn King
7 pm - Join us. |
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Thanks to everyone who helped decorate
the Church for Christmas. Many hands
made light work, plus the fellowship was
fun.



IT'S A BOY.....

Congratulations to Kim & Paul
Hartzell on the birth of their son,
Connor James, on November 20.
Connor weighed in at 5 lb, 13 oz.
and 19" long. He had some
distress and was transferred to
St Christopher's Hospital.
Connor is home now and doing
well. Please pray for Connor's
continued improvement.

Connor is the grandson of Linda
and Paul Hartzell. We pray that
God's loving arms bless and protect
Kim, Paul and baby Connor

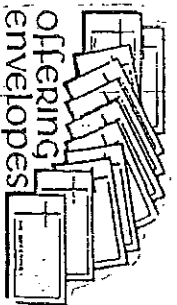
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Sunday School Aquarium Trip

Nov 8th was a fun day for the children. Twenty-one kids and parents visited The Aquarium. A chance to see God's

wonderful sea creatures. This was a treat for doing such a wonderful job on the Candle Sale. They made over \$1000.00 which will be used for supplies and church needs.



The 2010 church envelopes will be available on December 13th. Remember to pick them up. If you did not have them in 2009 & want envelopes for 2010, see Bruce Beaton or Barbara Geiger.



NEW MEMBER CLASS....

Pastor Scott is starting a new member class in January. If interested, please contact him at kyivscott@msn.com or see him after church.

A big thank you to our marketing team. In an effort to make the community aware of God's love and the warm, friendly atmosphere of our church, we distributed door hangers throughout Bridesburg inviting people to join us in worship. Eight families walked through the town bringing our welcome. What a great job. Thank you.



We are collecting for a Christmas gift for Pastor Scott.

If interested, see Barbara Eskuchen.



Do not let your faith be tested!

...Come home about 10:00 am to 11:00 am. ...

Praying Presby-Jordan Church
 2770 Park Ave
 Philadelphia, PA 19127

...God loves you and wants you to know peace and joy. But, he won't force His love on you and neither will we!