

Bridesburg Presbyterian Church

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# February 2012



## “God is Love”

Valentine’s Day is a time to celebrate love, particularly romantic love. In recent years, however, people have taken the opportunity to express other kinds of love on Valentine’s Day family love between parents and children, and love between friends.

As Christians, it begins with God’s great love for us. We realize that “God is Love” and that He models unconditional, perfect love, loving us before we first loved Him and loving us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. Many pastors and teachers use the celebration of Valentine’s Day as a springboard to remind church members and children about the Author of all love, God Himself.

Prayer: Father of Compassion, Praise and Glory to you. Thank you for teaching us to love through Jesus’ example. Help us to share your love with others today.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 am

Be sure to come and help us plan for 2012. We need you.

There will be a covered dish luncheon following the Worship Service. Please bring a dish of food to feed 6 people.



### FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Worship Service 10:00 am  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Adult Coffee Time 9:30 am

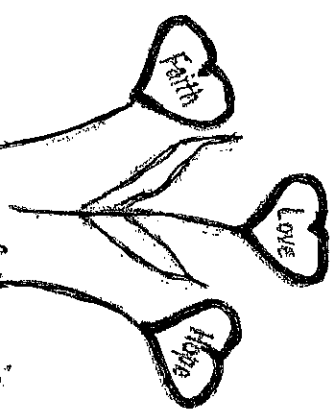
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Congregational Meeting  
Sunday School Bldg.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Kid’s Club 4.30-5.30 pm  
All kids ages 6 - 12

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - ASH WEDNESDAY  
Bridesburg Methodist  
Soup 6pm - Service 7pm

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Kid’s Club 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
All kids welcome

Feb 29<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Service -  
Bridesburg Baptist  
Soup 6pm Service 7 pm



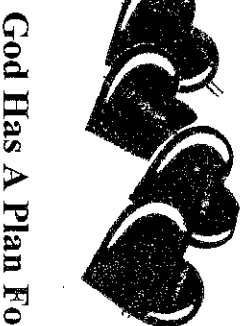
the greatest of these is ...

# LOVE

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### God Has A Plan For Us

We paid off the roof. Then came the expense of the stone work. With the kindness of our former members and friends, we have raised \$6900. of the \$7600. bill. Next, the oil tank in the Sunday School building was leaking. This could have been a major environmental issue if the tank had burst. Thanks to Linda Hartzell it was caught in time. God was with us again. We still had oil in the basement and at times we still have a slight odor.

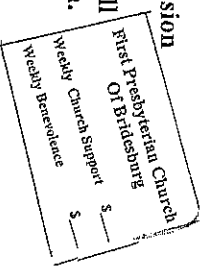
Who would have thought that a new oil tank would cost \$1875.00? On the bright side, we have heat and can still use the Sunday School building. We thank God for being with us.



### CHURCH ENVELOPES

The question has come up as to what Envelope is for what. Here is your answer:

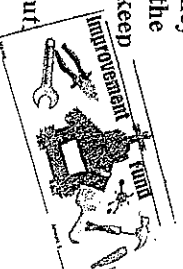
1. **REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPE**- has two parts- one line for church support & and one line for Benevolence (which is for Mission Work in the community and elsewhere.) Your offering will go to whatever \$ \_\_\_ you fill in. If nothing is filled in, it goes to Church Support.



2. **DEACON ENVELOPE** - There are 4 in each box. They are usually turned in on a Communion Sunday. This provides for the mission within our church. (shut ins, visitors, cards, postage)



3. **IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPE** There are 12 in each box. Money in this envelope goes towards the Improvements, repair and upkeep our Church.  
Roof fund donations, can be put the regular or improvement envelopes, but write **ROOF FUND** on it.



Please pray for:  
Myrtle Lange, Nancy Fleck, Jack Twist, Dorothy Twist, Anne Wild, Nancy Daemer, Dorothy Reid, Peggy Saunders, Bill Gilson, Nancy Rudzinski, Linda Doman, Thelma Nogowski, Tracie Roth, Etta Link, Beth C. John Eichmann, Robin Belinsky, Cheryl Garvey, Pam Smith, Jack Schroeder, Bucky Nogowski, Diana Allende, Janet Mayko, Steve Probst, Charles Eiler, Jr. Mark Bonto, Joanne Lopresti Phil Little, Carmela Baione, John Zimmer, Tom Fedick, Joan Shipton, James Ross, Julia McGillian, Pat Plant, Maureen Haley, Andrew Haley, Nevis T. Mary Heinrich, Tracey, George Reinas, Carl Colantuono, Barbie Weisser, Doreen, Charlie Marry, James Ross, Barbara Boron, Jack & Mary Warren, Mindy Ranaglia, Mary Mosely, Dave Bickings, Bobby & Colleen Costello, Alan Knauer, Ed Glierist, Rev Ed Gehres, Cheryl Heston, Deb Appleton, Beth C., Blanca, Gene Miesse, Janice Kolb, Kathy Schroeder, Clara Pallen, Carol Adams, Kathy Deputy, John, Maryann Rash, Grace Nogowski, Stan Chrupcala, Theresa Zebrowski, Michelle Nogowski, Albert Trego, Anna Marie Smeykal, Henry Callaway, Richard Griffiths, Charlie Schupak, Diane Dailey, Clara Iler, Kate Readon, Brian Beaton, Manny Bowman, Peg Riser, Terry, Melissa, Theresa Chrupcala, Melissa, Michelle H. Kathy Enoch,

Children in need of prayer:  
Justin Reisnyder, Ashley, Vaughn Henry, Lily Dusza, Tyler Anderson, Michael, Andrew, Paytin, Jennifer Watts, Brandon, Alex Baione, Aiden, Melissa, Tim Parvin, Kyle Norman, Dean Harris, Cole Harris, Molly Dunne, Deanna, Joslyn W, Jessica Dallas, Joey D'Orazio, Amy, Olivia, Mark Ovington, Kayla McBride, the Deputy boys.

Pray for our servicemen: Michael Urban, Joe Kings, George Reinas, Thomas Studely, Jason Orletzkiy, Ryan Gorski, Derrick Hamm, Zach Anderson, Jeff Axilrod, Kyle Jackson. Michael Quartucci, Kris Corley



### 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.

Most important is that you pray for Bridesburg Presbyterian and our mission in this community.

## God Is Crazy About You.

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation.

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong. She's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil." her mother offers "Yuck?" says her daughter."

"How about a couple of raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom."

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Mom, those are all yucky."

To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake."

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good. We just have to trust Him and eventually, they will all make something wonderful.

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every Spring and a sunrise every morning, whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere, and He chose your heart.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.



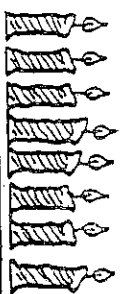
## FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

Again this year, the Food Pantry is taking part in the Feinstein Challenge.

Michael Feinstein puts up One Million Dollars. We can raise up to \$1.00 for each food item or \$1.00 donated.

This is open to the Tri-State area. Last year we earned \$500.00. This was our percentage of about 30 cents an item.

You can bring any donations to our Church or to Bridesburg Methodist Just let them know it is from the Pres. Church.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Aron Litostaski
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Tyler Marr
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Sheila Chrupcala
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Walker
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Jill Elliott
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Kenneth Tinte
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Thomas Trego
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Mark Tingley
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Harry J Eskuchen
- 21<sup>st</sup> - James Dailey, Sr
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Lillyann Urban
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Rosemary Bohr
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Kimberly Razler

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Bruce & Carol Beaton
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Ronald & Susan Gunning



Sign up for the Bus Trip  
To Sight & Sound.

Bethesda Methodist is running  
A bus trip to Sight & Sound on  
Friday, May 4, 2012.

We will have lunch at Hershey Farms.  
A little time for shopping, & then  
to the theater to see Jonah.

The cost is \$90.00. Call Floss for  
Reservations. 215-423-2477.

They have a payment plan to make  
it a little easier. There are 15 seats  
left. It should be a fun time.

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We have recently been notified  
are one of the beneficiaries in  
the Estate of Robert and Thelma  
(Burke) Couser. Praise God for  
the insight of these former friends.

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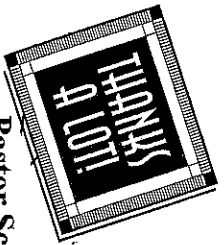
# MEMORIAL GIFTS

This year gifts have been given in memory of the following loved ones:

Harry J. Timte  
Edna Beaton  
Donald Ralph Beaton  
Harriet Williams  
Charlotte Nixon  
Mary & Amy Nixon  
Dorothy J. Horn  
Ruth Belmont Guisti  
Agnes Eckert  
Eloise Haug  
Doris Eiler  
Charles Nixon, Sr.  
Edward G. Muller  
Linda J. Muller  
Theodore Garofolo  
Adelaide Garofolo  
Robert Couser  
Thelma Burke Couser  
Ernest Lange  
Arnold Suder

We are deeply grateful to the Families and friends who honored their loved ones by presenting these gifts. Many of these dear ones deeply loved the Church and would be happy with this fitting tribute.

We also thank our alumni and friends who have generously given throughout the year to our Operating fund – \$1.00, \$2.00, \$25.00, \$100.00, \$350.00, \$500.00 it all adds up and really helps.



Pastor Scott would like to thank everyone for the generous Christmas gift he received.



## *The Missional Church*

As you know we signed up with Presbytery to join the Missional Church Group. This is a three year project to explore ways to develop our mission in the community both now and for the future.

Our core planning committee went to their first meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The next step is to set up a listening team. This group of 5 or 6 members will each be given the names of five people of various ages in our church to interview. There will be 8 questions.

If you are willing to be interviewed, please contact Barbara Geiger at 215-870-3819.

To make this work, we need the input and cooperation of everyone.

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### A Lenten attitude

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A father was attempting to explain to his 10-year-old son the necessity for giving up something for Lent. In fact, the father suggested that the lad give up candy.

Quizzed by the boy about this kind of religiosity and what it would bring, the father replied that "it will improve your character. You'll be a better person on Easter Sunday if you give up candy. After all, your mother and I have given up liquor for Lent."

"That's funny, Dad. I saw you and mother having a drink before dinner last night."

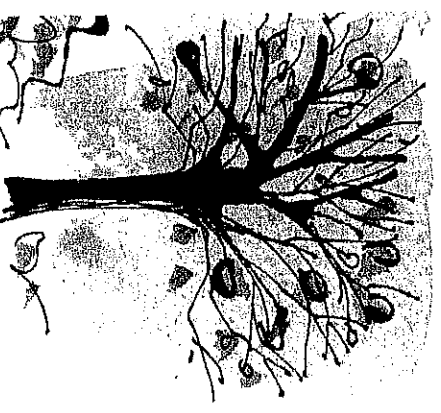
"That was wine. We gave up hard liquor."  
"Oh, that's good," the boy said. "I'll give up hard candy."

—Homiletics

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He is mindful of his covenant forever . . . Psalm 105:7-8

*Lent is a season of examining our lives*

to see how we can better live out our baptism in daily life. With the whole church, we say once again that being Christian means to die with Christ so that we can rise with him. This dying with Jesus to rise with him is the essential feature of baptism, but it bears fruit in daily life through prayer and fidelity. As important as it is, our fidelity to God means less than God's fidelity to us. When God makes a promise, God keeps it. God has promised life to us through the waters of baptism, and that is a promise we can count on.



*Lord Jesus, strengthen your people to be faithful to their baptismal promises.*