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SIN, GRACE, AND FAITH

“Take it away!” The season of Lent, apart from the Easter joy that marks its conclusion, is one that contains some unpleasant memories. We remember a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but it is soon followed by the supper, where a close friend and follower was revealed to be a traitor. Later, Jesus is found weeping in a garden. Betrayal gives way to arrest by the Romans. One disciple denies even knowing Jesus. Others desert Him.

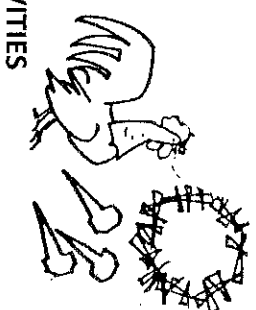
“Take them away!” Why should we recall such dismal, troubling themes? Perhaps, though, we can learn from them. Before Judas betrayed Jesus, he betrayed himself. He failed to trust and rely upon the wisdom of one, whom he had followed with high expectation and dedication. He betrayed his own hope.

Do we today lose out on some of what life has to offer, because we fail to trust fully the validity of God’s plan? We may wonder at times if sincerity and belief really pay off in the long run. We may begin to compromise our ideals and become less than our best. How can we avoid this possibility?

The answer comes, “By grace are you saved through faith.” Grace and faith work within us in several ways. Grace lets us know that even if we have these doubts and thoughts of betrayal, God still loves us. God realizes that we have human weaknesses and helps us to overcome them. As a kind parent, God lifts us when we fall and enables us to start over.

Faith helps us through the indwelling presence of Christ, who persevered to the end. Jesus died but then rose again. Light and truth, honor and steadfastness, ways of love and peace-----
--ultimately these win out. God gives us the victory.

As a sign of our gratitude for all of this, we can live in a way that reflects Christ’s spirit, trusting, loving and giving with thankful hearts.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Morning Worship 10:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Adult Fellowship 9:30 am

All Wednesday Night
Lenten Services 7 pm
Soup Meal 6 pm

March 7th - Lenten Service
Bridesburg Presbyterian
March 13th - Kid’s Club 4:30-5:30 pm
Sunday School Bldg

March 14th - Lenten Service
United Church of Christ

March 17th - Hoagie Sale
Bridesburg Methodist
Contract Joan Tertel

March 21st Lenten Service 7 pm
Bethesda Methodist Church

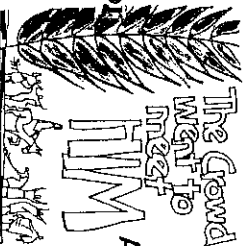
March 27th Kid’s Club 4:30 to 5:30pm
Sunday School Bldg

March 28th - Lenten Service 7 pm
United Church of Christ

March 31st - LUNCH WITH EASTER BUNNY
Presbyterian Church
12 noon – tickets \$5.00

April 1st - PALM SUNDAY - 10:00 am
Bridesburg Presbyterian
Communion

April 5th - MAUNDY THURSDAY
Presbyterian Church
Church Service 7 pm



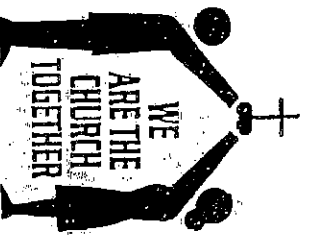
The Missional Church

As you are aware we are taking part in a program sponsored by the Philadelphia Presbytery to discover the strengths, weaknesses, and future directions of our church.

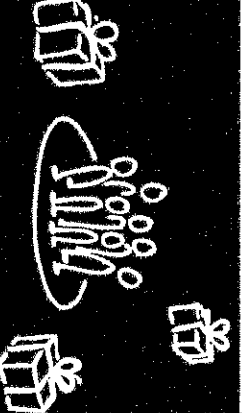


This past month our Listening Team, composed of Barbara Eskuchen Linda Hartzell, Barbara Geiger and Gayle Zionce interviewed 23 people from the congregation. We would like to thank you for your cooperation.

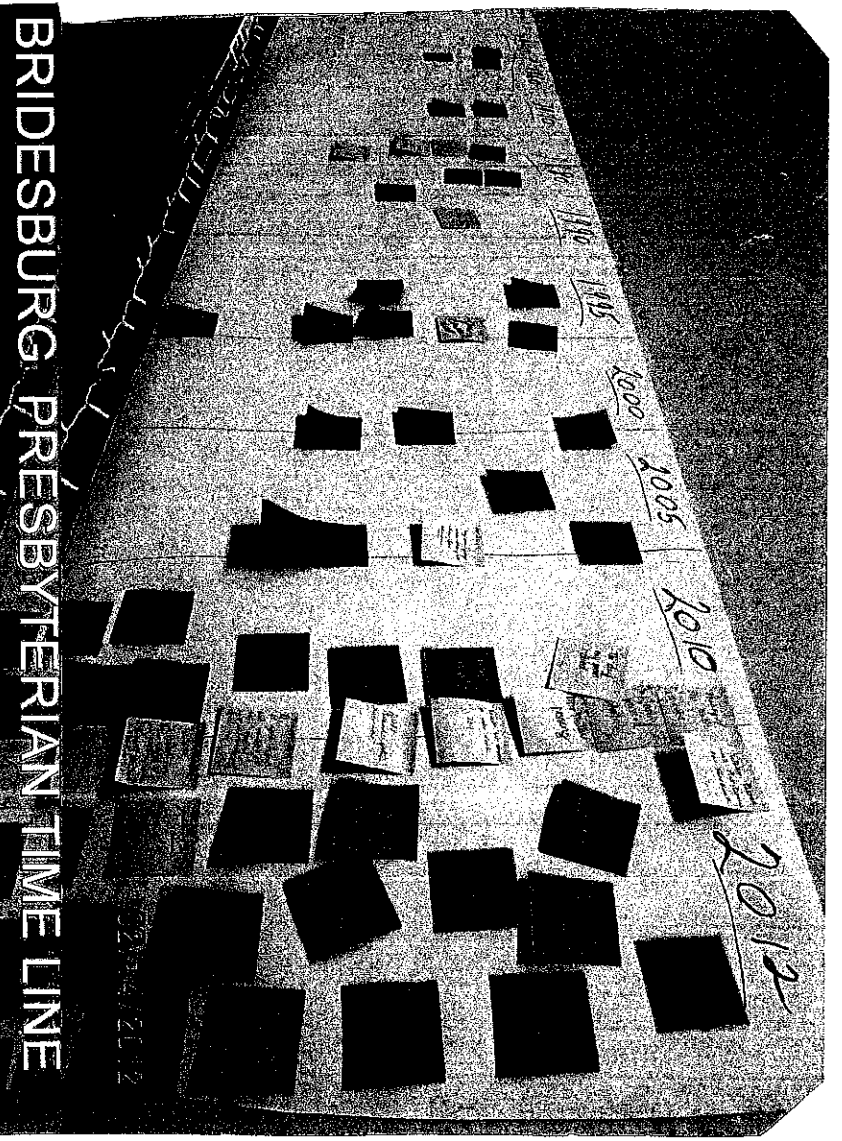
It was an amazing and wonderful experience for us. There is such a sense of faith, love and caring in our congregation. It was interesting that all of the 50 age group mentioned the wonderful memories they had from Christian Endeavor and Camp Ockanicon during their teen years. Others mentioned the moving Christmas Eve services with Pastor Scott, music and candlelight. The hope for the future was the Sunday School children. We received many good suggestions. All participants were asked the same eight questions. The report was sent to the Presbytery Reading Team who will compile a report from all the churches. This will enable our church and the Presbyterian Church USA to plan the direction they wish to take in the future.



After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag or sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.'



Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.



At our Congregational Meeting we were asked to make a Bridesburg Pres. Time Line as part of the next step in our mission project. We were given 3 sticky notes and were asked to write one for a memory from the past, one a sad memory, and one for a hope for the future.

Lord Jesus, this Lent help me to keep my eyes fixed on your
Cross as the only real source of power that can change my life. Amen



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BRIDESBURG
UNICAMERAL BOARDS 2012

Board of Session

Board of Deacons

Jan 2010-- Dec 2012

Lauren Dailey
Barbara Eskuchen
Kathy Schroeder
John McCann

Henry Callaway
Diane Dailey
Crystal Urban

Jan 2011 -- Dec 2013

W Bruce Beaton
Barbara Geiger
Jennifer Hamilton
Linda U'Selis

Yvonne Callaway
Mary Gilson
Patricia Walker

Jan 2012 -- Dec 2014

*Gayle Zionce
Jill Elliott
Bonnie Golasa
Linda Hartzell, Sr.

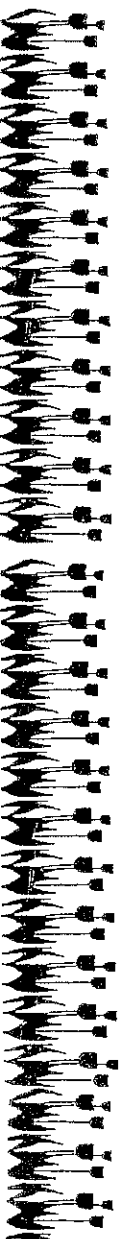
Anna Marie Smeykal
* Shella Chrupcala
Lois Kolb

Clerk of Session

Jean Beaton

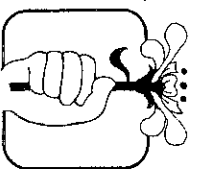
* newly elected

We had a nice turnout at our annual congregational meeting. We are happy to report that in 2011 we received 12 new members. Even with the set backs (roof, brick work, fuel tank), we were almost able to cover our expenses. Praise God for the generosity of our friends and members with their gifts and memorials. It is with this assistance that we are able to spread the word of God in our community. As we go forward in 2012, please keep us in your prayers.



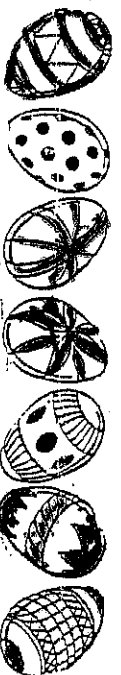
Thank you to Rob Mazzitelli and Stan Chrupcala for replacing the light bulbs in the Sanctuary.

Thank you to Dot Rinkunas for cleaning the Church for Lent. This was a big help.



Thank
You
Very
Much

Need Easter Candy? Bethesda
Methodist is selling homemade
Easter eggs on March 31st & April 7th.
See Floss or Loretta on Wednesday
Evening service for information.



PRAYER LIST



Please pray for:

Nancy Fleck, Jack Twist, Dorothy Twist, Anne Wild, Nancy Daemer, Dorothy Reid, Peggy Saunders, Bill Gilson, Nancy Rudzinski, Myrtle Lange, 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, Theresa Zebrowski, Michelle Nogowski, Albert Trego, Henry Callaway, and family, Richard Griffiths, Charlie Schupak, Diane Dailey, Kate Readon, Manny Bowman, Peg Riser, Terry, Melissa, Theresa Chrupcala, Michelle H., Aimee Noel, Fred Gontarek, Jack Schroeder, Ray and Courtney Workman, Walsh Family, Mary Anderson, Joann Gontarek, Albert Weni, Marge Kauterman and family.

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.

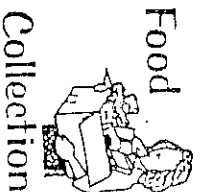
Pray for our servicemen: Michael Urban, Joe King, George Reinas, Thomas Studely, Ryan Gorski, Derrick Hamm, Zach Anderson, Jeff Axilrod, Kyle Jackson, Michael Quartucci, Kris Corley, Chris Bustamante.

Please e-mail any additions or changes to the Prayer List to jean@brucebeaton.com

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.

Contacts: Pastor Scott Bohr 610-564-6114
Clerk-Jean Beaton 215-396-1330
Web site bridesburypresbyterian.org



FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

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

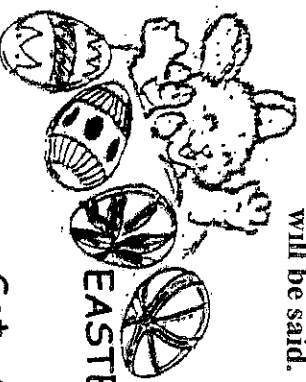
Michael Feinstein puts up One Million Dollars. We can raise up to \$1.00 for each food item or \$1.00 donated.

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

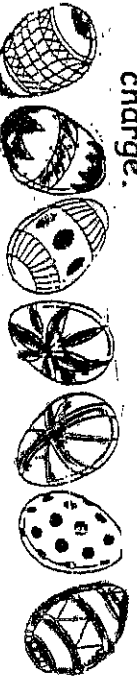
You can bring any donations to our Church or to Bridesburg Methodist. Just let them know it is from the Pres. Church.

Sat., April 7th

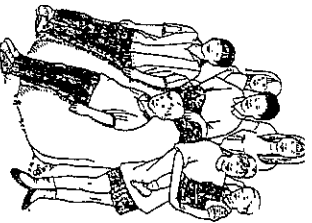
EASTER EGG HUNT



The Bridesburg Council of Churches Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the Presbyterian Church Yard at 9:30 am. All children are welcome. There is no charge.



Our Kids Are Great.



Congratulations to Erin Chrupcala and Nicholas Zionce for being accepted into The National Honor Society.

At the recent Award Program at Bridesburg School, several of our young people received honors.

Erin Chrupcala, Rachel McCann, and Nicholas Zionce received Academic Honors and perfect attendance awards. Sydney Elliott received Academic Honors. It was also announced that Nicholas Zionce has been accepted at GAMP (Girard Academy Music Program) for the September 2012 term.

Congratulations, Great Job! We are indeed blest to have such wonderful young people.



EASTER FLOWERS

Our Board of Deacons will be selling Easter Flowers at the Lunch with Easter Bunny & the Easter Egg Hunt. Stop in and purchase a few plants.



LUNCH WITH EASTER BUNNY

Join us for lunch with Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 31st at noon.

Hot dogs, juice, chips, & a gift. Tickets are \$5.00

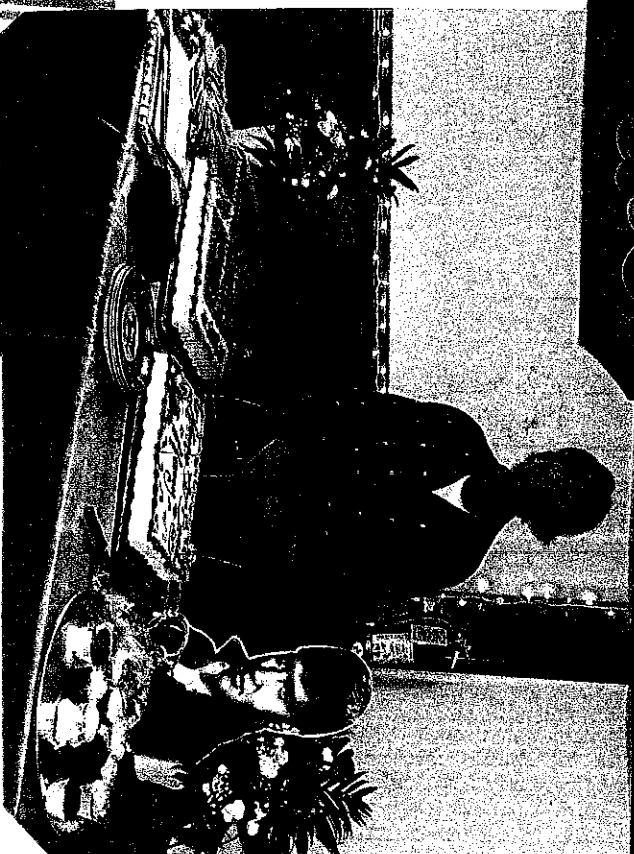


happy birthday!

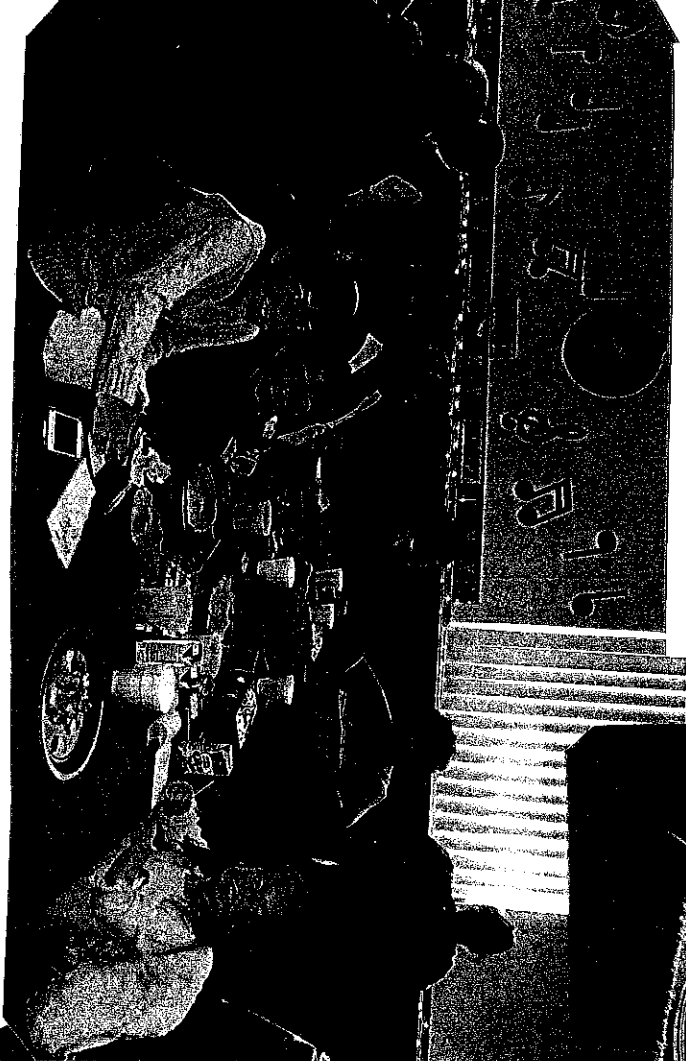
HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARRY

February 18th was a happy day. Harry Eskuchen celebrated his 50th birthday. A surprise party was held in the church hall following the morning service with his family and friends.

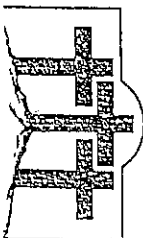
Harry is our church custodian and keeps the church and grounds in shape. In fact he even cleaned and set up the hall not knowing it was for him.



Happy Birthday Harry. We wish you God's blessings and many, many more celebrations.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

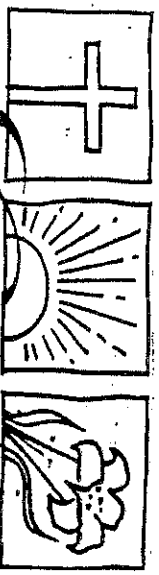


April 6th – **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
 Presbyterian Church
 1 pm to 2 pm

April 7th - **Council of Churches**
 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am
 Presbyterian Churchyard

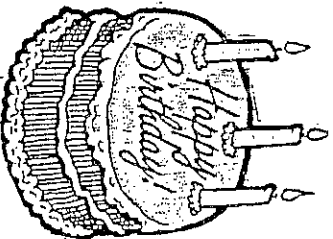
April 8th - **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**
 Bridesburg Baptist Church
 Come & Worship the Risen
 Lord - 7 am

April 8th - **EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE**
 10:00 am - **HE LIVES**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd - Nancy Daemer
- 3rd - Gavin Hawkes
- 6th - Emily Beaton
- 8th - Stephen Row
- 11th - Scott Muller
- 11th - Barbara L Eskuchen
- 13th - Rebecca Gunning
- 13th - Alex Eiler
- 14th - Lois Lenhart
- 14th - Jennifer Hamilton
- 18th - Amy Keller
- 23rd - Megan Hawkes
- 27th - Brandon Razler
- 28th - Scott Walker
- 28th - Ryan Demas
- 29th - Brian Beaton
- 31st - Ron Gunning
- 31st - Janice Kolb

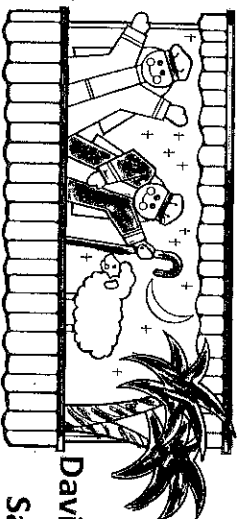


MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st - Brian & Amy Beaton

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

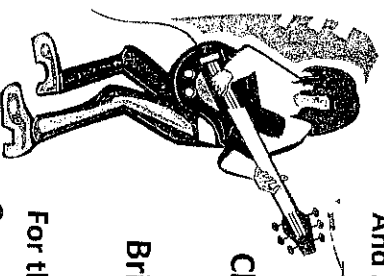
- 2nd - Barbara Eskuchen
- 3rd - Andrew Kolb
- 3rd - Jordyn Colville
- 4th - Lindsay Tinte
- 9th - Ronald Gunning
- 10th - Susan Gunning
- 10th - Joshua Torres
- 11th - Denice Eskuchen
- 19th - Lois Kolb
- 19th - Linda Hartzell
- 19th - Linda Kolb
- 23rd - Catherine Griffin
- 28th - Eleanor Haug



APRIL 28th 2012
 Davisville Church Puppet Show
 Saturday at 2 pm in the
 Sunday School Building

Everyone welcome. This is a great
 Show and it is free. Plan to come
 And bring your friends.

Christian Rock Concert
 Saturday at 5 pm
 Bridesburg Methodist Church



For the Benefit of the Food Pantry.
 Over 10 Christian performers. Some
 very loud, some soft, but a great
 evening of Christian music
 Refreshments will be sold.



Our prayers and sympathy is extended
 To Henry Callaway and their family in
 the loss of his wife, Yvonne. Yvonne
 Callaway was called Home after a brief
 illness. A beautiful memorial service
 was held in our church on February 24th.

Yvonne was a Deacon and a member of
 our church for several years. She will
 be dearly missed. May God's loving
 arms enfold Henry and family and
 give them peace.

KEEP THE DATE.....

Mother & Daughter Banquet
 Thursday, May 10th
 An evening of fun with family and friends.