



# The Season of Lent

## 40 Days ~ Make Them Count

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March 2013

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### THE PADDED CROSS

Well, here I am, Lord, You said "Take up your cross" and I'm here to do it. It's not easy, you know, this self-denial thing. I mean to go thru with it, through....yes, Sir. I'll bet you wish more people were willing to be disciples like me. I've counted the cost and surrendered my life, and it's not an easy road.

You mind if I look over the crosses? I'd kind of like a new one. I'm not fussy. You understand, But a disciple has to be relevant these days. I was wondering, are there any that are padded? I am thinking of attracting others you see? If I can show them a comfortable cross, I am sure I can win a lot more.

And I need something durable so I can treasure It always. Oh, is there one that is sort of flat So it would fit under my coat? One shouldn't be too obvious.

Funny, there doesn't seem to be much choice here... just that course rough wood, I mean, that would hurt. Don't you have something more distinctive, Lord? I can tell you know no one will be impressed by this shoddy workmanship. They'll think I am a nut or something. My family will be mortified. What's that? It's either one of these or Forget the whole thing? But lord, I want to be your disciple. Just being with you is all that counts but life has to have a balance . You don 't understand, no one lives that way today. Who will be attracted by this self-denial bit. Let's not over do it. I mean being a disciple is challenging And exciting and I want to do it; but Have some rights, you know. Now let's see...no blood, ok? I just can't stand the thought of that Lord.....Lord? Jesus? Now where do you suppose He went?

Quoted in the Sword of the lord.

Are we as Christian young people, men and women living our lives on Jesus' terms? Or on our own terms?

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### Holy Week Activities

- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lunch with Easter Bunny  
Presbyterian Church -noon
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Service 10 am
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service  
7:00pm - Come and worship
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service  
Presbyterian Church 1:00 pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 am  
Presbyterian Church Yard  
Free - Bring your basket
- 31<sup>st</sup> - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
Bridesburg Baptist Church  
Rejoice! He Lives! 7 am

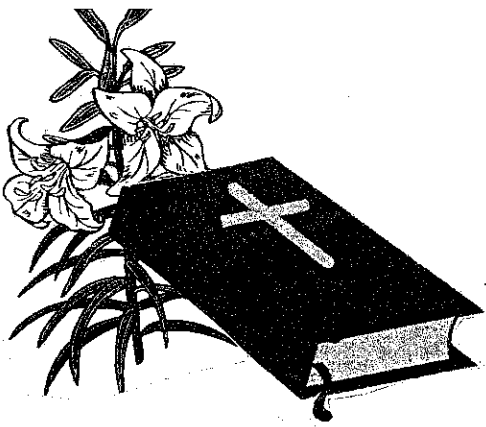
Join us

YOU ARE INVITED.....

To a farewell reception for our organist Charles Schupak. Charlie will be leaving after the Easter Sunday service for his new home in Kansas. Charlie is an excellent musician and was an asset to our services.

We will miss him. We wish Charlie and his wife, Clara much happiness in their new home. God speed and God Bless.

We will be having cake and coffee after Church on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 11:15 am Please plan to stay and take part.



For God so loved the World  
He gave his only Son.

### JESUS AS TEACHER WEATHERING THE STORMS

Jesus set an example in showing how to endure hardships. He endured a physical storm on the Sea of Galilee, rebuking the wind and waves and speaking words of peace. There was a time, though, when a storm would take its toll. All the power and wrath of the Roman Empire rained down on him on Good Friday. An innocent, righteous man, he was put on trial, convicted and put to death.

Through all of it Jesus taught, by his example, how to endure. He was realistic. He admitted his very human need, rising out of thirst. He suffered through the taunting, the weakness and the pain. Yet, he did not grow bitter, even when the Roman soldiers gambled for his clothes at the foot of his cross. Instead, he said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." He cared for those about him, consoling a thief on the next cross and asking his beloved disciple to take care of Mary, his mother. He remained fully human and fully humane right up until the end. What a lesson in endurance!

Jesus acknowledged the presence of God amidst his pain. Even as he felt alone, he called out to God, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Still later he said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Here we find both faith and trust, despite all that seemed to deny any hope. A Roman centurion, seeing and hearing Jesus, commented, "Truly this was a son of God."

Life has many times when we need to simply endure. Jesus gives an example of how to do it. With the problems of everyday life throughout his ministry he rose above them. Even "having nowhere to lay his head" he persevered with a spirit that was enviable. His presence brought people healing, understanding and a greater awareness of God's companionship. Then, when all else was lost, he continued to be fully human but trusting in God. Night came, but he accepted the dark, knowing that morning would come at God's hands. This day becomes "Good" Friday, only as we see within it the love of Jesus and the love of God shining through.



#### Bridesburg Presbyterian Church Unicameral Boards – 2013

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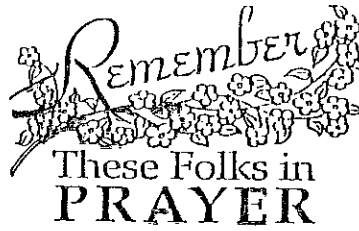
Thank you to Jill Elliott for getting the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sign and now the sign for Lent. The Lenten sign is posted in front of the church near the flag pole.

By the way. Where is your spirit of Adventure? It has been two months and no one has located the Bridesburg Church Flags on poles in the community. Remember there is a prize for the first two people that find the them.

#### Easter Blessings



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



**PRAYER LIST**

Nancy Fleck, Jack Twist, Dorothy Twist, Nancy Daemer, Nancy Rudzinski, Sarah Anderson, Harry Eskuchen Sr., Myrtle Lange, Bill Gilson, Barbara Eskuchen, Harry Eskuchen Jr., Rev Jim Brown

Margaret Watson, Peggy Saunders, Jen Appleton, Theresa Hoch, Marilyn Knauer, Tyler, Christopher, Robert Houlihan, Richard Nicholai, Joan Grycewicz, Tyler Marr, Janice Gill, Gene Miesse, Richard Griffiths, Joe Wood, Greg Moore, Barbara King, Wallace, Brooke Gill, Pat Plant, Barbie Weisser, Dick Pinter, Helen Logan, Jonathan, Peter Row

Children in need of prayer: Kyle Norman, Kayla McBride, Brian Storm, Erica Bohn, Taya Santasusso, Kelsey Macko,

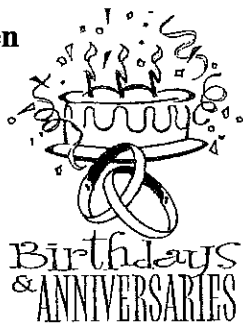
Servicemen: Michael Urban, Chris Bustamante

Please e-mail any additions or deletions to the Prayer List to [jean@brucebeaton.com](mailto:jean@brucebeaton.com)

With the new year we started a new prayer list. We will be glad to have any names put back on the list. Just e-mail Jean.

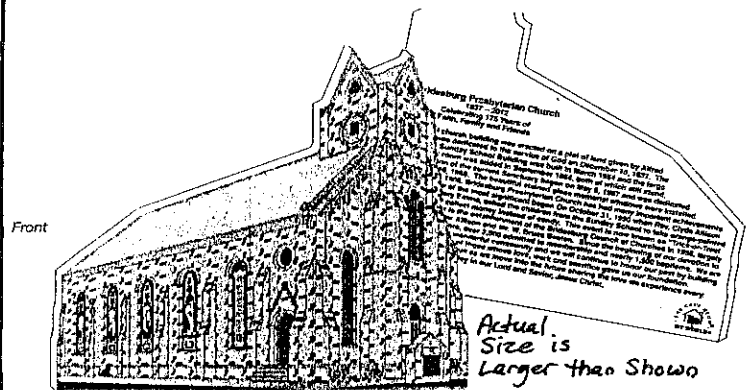
**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Brian & Amy Beaton



We are selling small wooden replicas of the Church to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

They are about 2" deep, 6" high and about 8" wide. You can sit them on a door frame, shelf, or table. Many of you have replicates of NJ shore landmarks, or historical buildings and we thought this would remind you of the history of the church and its strong faith and vision.

The first order is in. The replicates are beautiful.  
 Second order going in on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.  
 Order Now –  
 Call Jill Elliott 215-901-5061

Lord, make my life a window for your light to shine through and a mirror to reflect your love to everyone I meet.

Food  
Collection



### Council of Churches Update....

The Feinstein once again is sponsoring Food for Hunger and will contribute to the Food Pantry for all food or monetary donations received in March and April. Please bring non-perishable items to church or directly to the pantry at the Methodist Church so they can continue to help our neighbors in need.

We are also participating in the Run for Hunger in April 13<sup>th</sup>. Allan Babnew is requesting donations as his company will match any contributions. We are also looking for runners. See Allan for details.

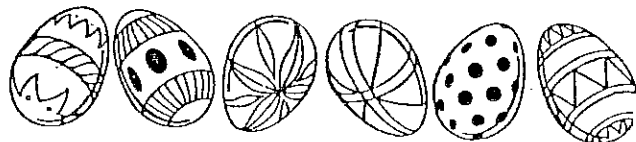
These two projects were a life saver last year as we realized several hundred Dollars for the Pantry.



### LUNCH WITH EASTER BUNNY

Join us for lunch on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, noon. Meet Easter Bunny and enjoy hot dogs chips, juice and ice cream.

Tickets are \$5.00. Everyone needs a ticket. Call Barbara @ 215-870-3819 for information.



Holy  
Baptism

GOD BLESS ANN EVANS

In February, Ann Evans received the Sacrament of Baptism and was taken into the membership of our Church Family.

May God's blessings and love be upon Ann and her family. Welcome Ann.

**ORGANIST Wanted** - We are looking for an organist. If you know of any one that would be interested, please have them contact [barbara@brucebeaton.com](mailto:barbara@brucebeaton.com)



### Congratulations Erin....

Erin Chrupcala received the top Citizenship Award for Honor Roll, helping in school projects, and helping other students. Erin is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Maritime Charter School Great job, Erin. We are proud of you.

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**HOPE  
LIKE NO ONE  
JESUS  
CHRIST  
SAVOUR  
REDEEMER  
FATHER**

Bridesburg Presbyterian Church



March 30<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 am  
Presbyterian Church Yard  
Free - Bring your basket

