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Adult Forum-
Sundays at 9:15 A.M.

Worship Service-
Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

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O Come
Let us
Adore
Him



January, 2007

Greeters:

January 7 Frank and Carol Waple
January 14 Spencer and Chris Bevins
January 21 Gary and Becky Holman
January 28 Francis and Rose Ann Yeich

Nursery Duty:

January 7
January 14 The Potter Family
January 21 The Akakpo-Martin Family
January 28 The Swartz Family

Acolyte:

Andrew Yeich

Ushers:

Warren, Tamie, Valerie & Michael Dodson

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Join us in Fellowship Hall for **SOCIAL HOUR** following worship on **January 7**. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Food Pantry Collection Sunday is **January 7**
Please bring a non-perishable food item to the worship service that day and the Deacons will see that it gets donated to the Middletown Food Pantry. THANKS!!



ADULT FORUM * January, 2007

You are invited!

Sunday mornings before worship in Fellowship Hall
* 9:15-10:15 a.m.

If nursery is needed, please call Erika Lauffer at 944-4713
a week in advance.

Theme: Violence in Our Midst & the Jesus Alternative

A **seven week series** confronting the violence we encounter in our homes, schools and community along with actions being taken to counter the violence (3 weeks) AND a fresh look at Jesus' way of dealing with conflict and violence (4 weeks).

Violence in Our Midst (3 weeks)

January 7 - In our homes

Barbara Elerby, MA, mediator and human resources consultant, **will focus on violence on the internet & in videogames.** A member of Capital Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, her article "Xanga, MySpace, Bebo -- Do you know where your kids are?" (Carlisle Presbytery newsletter "Faithways", July 5, 2006) caught our interest and we think her presentation will catch your interest as well.

January 14 - In our schools

Dr. Richard Weinstein, Assistant Superintendent, Middletown Area School District, **will identify terroristic threats, bullying, harassment, drug and alcohol abuse, etc. to beware of** and will tell about school policies and practices in place to create and maintain a safe learning environment in our local schools.

January 21 - In our community

Format: 10-15 minute "bad news, good news" presentations by each of 3 panelists with discussion following

Panelists: Middletown Police Chief **Keith Reismiller** on local crime, especially gun crime, found in our town and workplaces.

Anne Einhorn, MSW, community mobilizer for Middletown's Communities That Care, whose goal is drug and violence free communities.

A middle-school-age girl, member of one of the Club Ophelia chapters that teach middle-school-age girls alternatives to bullying.

Jesus' Way of Nonviolence (4 weeks)

January 28 - What do the Gospels say?

Dr. Robert Webber, Professor of New Testament Emeritus, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and a well known teacher and workshop leader in the Mid-Atlantic region, will lay out the scriptural basis and a conceptual framework for looking at Jesus' way of nonviolence.

February 4 - Consider Jesus Once Again

John K. Stoner, a member of Akron Mennonite Church, founder and coordinator of the six year old ecumenical Every Church A Peace Church, will address the question, "What if every church lived and taught as Jesus lived and taught?" from a peace church perspective.

February 11 - Presbyterian and Peacemaking: Mixed Messages

The Reverend Joy Kaufmann, former Associate Pastor of Market Square Presbyterian Church and now General Presbyter of Huntingdon Presbytery, will bring us Presbyterian and reformed church perspectives.

February 18 - "Blessed are the peacemakers..."

Bobbie Kitzmiller, member of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, Co-Chair of Carlisle Presbytery Peace Advocates and Chair of Synod of the Trinity Peacemaking Network will share stories of the rich variety of ways that Presbyterians are doing justice and working for peace while being encouraged and challenged by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



THANK YOU...

To Nancy and the Deacons,

Thank you so much for the care you gave Mom and Dad while Bob and I were on vacation. They really appreciated the meals and also the ride to Dr. Albright's office for Dad. How fortunate our family is to have such a loving and caring church family in a time of need. Thanks again for everything.

Peace,

Kay and Bob Sutch

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"Thanks"
is just a little word,
but still,
it's meant to show
your kindness is appreciated
more than you could know.

Anne and Jim Baker

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A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated money for the family of 4 children who would not have had any Christmas presents this year without your help. We collected \$323 at our Children's Christmas Program this year (WOW!), and the money was delivered to the children's Aunt the next day - just in time for her to buy presents and clothing for the 4 children (ages 16, 14, 7 and 3) for Christmas, in the absence of their mother and father this year. We truly made a difference in the lives of these 4 children this year. Thank you all so much for your overwhelming generosity.

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Deacons,

Thanks a million for the magnificent Christmas basket. It was super.

Also enjoyed visit with John Lauffer and Stephany Davidson yesterday, and Rev. Potter's visit earlier in the month. It's wonderful to belong to such a caring church - can't thank you enough.

With love and best wishes,
Martie and Warren Felty

Dear Congregation,

I wish to thank our church family and our deacons for the Christmas gift bag and presents. There were so many varied, thoughtful items tucked inside beside the lovely fruit.

Thank you,
Amy Berger

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"The greatest gift from the greatest giver brings the greatest joy to our hearts! Thanking Him for All His Gifts, Especially You.

-ALLISON HILL COMMUNITY MINISTRY

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Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Just a short note to tell you that last week the ground FEDEX delivered 14 packages from your church to our church here in Kykotsmovi. We unloaded all of the packages into our classroom.

Next week, the ladies of the church will open the boxes and sort them out so that after our Christmas Eve program, all the people who attend will select what they need.

Thank you for providing these used clothing for our village needs. May the Lord bless you and may you have a happy and joyful time in this Christmas Season. We have had two snow falls and we pray that much more will fall during Christmas week.

I remain in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev. Caleb H. Johnson, Pastor

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Many thanks to the members and friends of the congregation for the holiday cards, cookies and other treats and the generous gift given to me at the Christmas covered-dish dinner and Children's Program, December 17. I am grateful for your continuing support and kindness. I love you all and thank God for our ministry together. THANK YOU so much! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Pastor Potter

NEWS FROM MARY'S CIRCLE...

All women of the church and their friends are invited to attend the retreat to be held Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, 2007, at one of our sister churches (Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg). Our church is helping to host this event and the main speaker from North Carolina, Rev. Dr. Juli Ross-Strope, will be speaking at both Friday and Saturday get-togethers. It should be a fun event with lots to do and eat and drink. Come take a break from the winter hibernation and join others for a time of Fellowship and Fun!! The deadline is February 3rd, and the cost is very small. Any questions, or if you want to go and need a ride, please feel free to call Judy Packheiser at 657-2535 (she will be attending the seminar). **SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER "Presbyterian Women's Association Retreat" AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER for more details.**

FYI - The first Presbyterian Women's Mary's Circle Meeting will not be until March 20, 2007, Tuesday, 10 AM to 12 Noon. The hostess will be Rose Ann Yeich.

Mary's Circle collected enough warm clothing to send 14 boxes to Rev. Caleb Johnson at The Independent Hopi Church in Arizona, for their Christmas gathering. Thank you to all who helped, especially Romaine Gardner for packing, and John McDonald for driving the boxes to the shipping agent.

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**COMMUNION
JANUARY 7**

Plan to be present for worship on January 7 at 10:30AM as we gather at our Lord's table for the first time in the New Year of 2007. This is a wonderful way to begin the new year and we urge you to invite someone to worship.

**ALL WELCOME – PASTOR'S TERMS
OF CALL MEETING**

All church members are encouraged to attend the Pastor's Terms of Call Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 14th, at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall. A covered dish meal will precede the meeting.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to approve the pastor's terms for the upcoming year and secondly to review the 2006 and 2007 budgets. After a general overview of the income and expenses, individual budget questions will be addressed. Session and committee chairpersons have spent considerable effort to limit the church's expenses with the intent to be more in line with our actual income. Session's ultimate goal is to have a balanced budget within the next 2 to 4 years.

We strive to seek ways to use your monies efficiently to perform God's work and mission. Your input and feedback to the process are always welcome.

Hope you plan to attend on the 14th!

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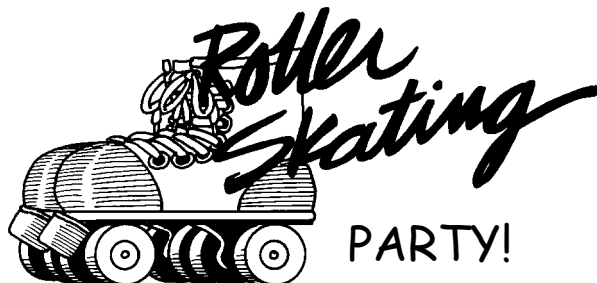
A FEW REMINDERS:

Please send payments for Chancel Flowers to the church office. Make checks payable to The Presbyterian Congregation. THE COST OF CHANCEL FLOWERS IS \$22.50 PER ORDER. THANK YOU!

Deadline for articles for the FEBRUARY issue of the Press...byterian is JANUARY 18. Please place your articles or information either in the offering plate (mark it "newsletter"), in the church mailbox marked Newsletter, or Email patricestillwell@hotmail.com.

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ALL CHURCH



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 from 12:30-2:30PM. EVERYONE is welcome!!! See next page under Presbyterian Youth Connection News for all the details!!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Presbytery of Carlisle, of which we are a part, consists of 52 sister churches in the south-central region of Pennsylvania? Elected Elders from each church and Pastors meet 5 times a year to further the mission, outreach and ministry of our Presbytery.

Two of our church members are currently serving on a Presbytery committee. Spencer Bevins serves on the Committee on Ministry which deals with matters related to clergy and churches across the Presbytery. Gary Shank is serving on the Administration Committee which functions as Trustees for the Presbytery. Pastor Potter also serves on the Committee on Ministry.

As a "connectional" church we are grateful for the time and talent of those of our local church serving Presbytery. If you have questions about the Presbytery and how it functions, speak with Pastor Potter.

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Presbyterian Youth Connection...

The PYC will have **GAME NIGHT** on January 7 from 6-7:30PM. All 6th-12th graders are invited to bring their favorite board game and a friend and come to Fellowship Hall. We will have some fun and refreshments. AND, we'll also be sharing plans for hosting the February 4th Presbytery Souper Bowl Party!

The PYC is sponsoring an **ALL CHURCH ROLLER SKATING PARTY** on January 27 from 12:30-2:30PM. All children, youth and adults are welcome! Come to Doc's Family Fun Center, 1733 E. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, and join in the fun. Bring your own skates or roller blades if you have them. Otherwise, skate rental is \$2/person. Cost is \$3/person or \$6/family, payable in advance to Pastor Potter by January 24. Sign-up at the back of the sanctuary TODAY. This is a fund raiser for PYC, so come, have some fun and bring a friend, too.

LOOK AT THIS!

"Saturday Seminar"
Leadership Training Event
January 20, 2007
Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill
9:00AM - 12:15PM
(A light lunch will be served at 12:15)

Planned Workshops:
Training for Elders, Deacons and Clerks of Session
Report from Mission Trip to Honduras
Youth Ministry in the Church NOW!
G.A. and the Peace, Unity and Purity Paper
Missional Church Theology
Presbyterian Special Offerings
Spirituality Center in a Small Space with Sabbath House
A Topic from a Reformed Theologian's view

Mark the date and plan to be there!
Call Pastor Potter for more information
(944-4322).

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

Plan to attend the annual congregational covered dish dinner on January 14 at 6PM in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a generous covered dish or a dessert to share. Roast Turkey, rolls and beverage will be provided. The meeting of the congregation follows dinner and will include voting on the Pastor's Term of Call for 2007. This annual meeting is mandated by the Book of Order and we urge you to attend.

COME ONE! COME ALL!

JANUARY 2007

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members:

Christopher Wynn	1/1
Michael Harter	1/4
Peg Freeborn	1/6
Janice Goodling	1/6
Linda Eppley	1/7
Jodi White	1/10
Diane Freeborn	1/10
Andrew Yeich	1/11
Gloria Agate	1/11
Stephen Frommell	1/18
Olivia Yeich	1/19
Rachel Potter	1/21
Tony Potter	1/22
Suson Akakpo-Martin	1/22
Sean Tosh	1/22
Tamie Dodson	1/23
Gwen Callison	1/29
Jennifer Boyton	1/30
Mitch Mathias	1/30
Gail Allen	1/30



We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:

James and Gloria Agate 1/17

And a new birthday to add to our list...



Congratulations to new parents, John and Darcy Allen, whose daughter, Emma Leigh was born on Dec. 22, 2006 in Hershey Medical Center. Emma weighed 6lb, 5oz and was 17 inches long. Congratulations to John and

Darcy, and to proud grandma, church member Gail Allen. Welcome, Emma!!

Music Notes:

Thank you for the Christmas cards, holiday wishes and gift from the congregation. I wish you all a happy and peaceful 2007!

Our congregation is blessed with faithful members of the Handchime Choir, Presbyterian Bells of Praise, and a wonderful Chancel Choir who have provided special music for Advent and Christmas. If you've thought about joining a choir, this is the time! Chancel Choir rehearsals resume January 3, Handchimes January 7, and Presbyterian Bells January 17.

I hope you've marked your calendars for a special event on **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10. THE CHAPEL RINGERS** from Bucknell University will present a concert in our sanctuary at 7:30. Plan to bring a friend. It will be a memorable evening! (Marcus Mateer will ring the bass bells. He's a senior at Bucknell, and has been a member of the group for 4 years.)

-Ellen

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING PERFORMANCE
IN OUR SANCTUARY!!!



CHAPEL RINGERS FROM BUCKNELL
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