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Church School and
Adult Forum-
Sundays at 9:15 A.M.

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

Rev. Donald E. Potter, Minister

Rev. and Mrs. Caleb Johnson
Kykotsmovi, Arizona
Personal Interest Partnership

Greeters:

- Oct. 1 Virginia Olsen and Kay Smith
- Oct. 8 Garnet and Jane Zimmerman
- Oct. 15 Judy and Abigail Packheiser
- Oct. 22 Earl and Linda Balmer
- Oct. 29 Diane Kleinfelter and Louise Teats

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

- Oct. 1 Mrs. Edie K. Beard in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Bankes.
- Oct. 8 Spencer and Chris Bevins in loving memory of their parents.
CENTERPEICE presented by Linda Ferguson in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson and Miss Anna Davidson.
- Oct. 15 His family in loving memory of Robert Higgins.
- Oct. 22 Dottie Stanley in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reckner.
- Oct. 29 Mrs. Martha Mocklin in loving memory of Esther and Homer Baum and sons.

The Sunday Bulletins are dedicated by:

- Oct. 1 A friend in honor of Amy Berger.
- Oct. 8 Tina and Ed Shireman in honor of Edwin III and Elizabeth Shireman's birthday.
- Oct. 15 Carol and Frank Waple in honor of Matt and Lauren Eppley, and Alison and Brett Waple.
- Oct. 22 Lori and Brian Yeich in honor of their anniversary.
- Oct. 29 Don Potter in memory of his mother, Dorothy Potter.

Nursery Duty:

- Oct. 1 Beth and Tim Swartz
- Oct. 8 Patrice and Duane Stillwell
- Oct. 15 Karen and Tony Potter
- Oct. 22 Tina and Ed Shireman
- Oct. 29 Suson and Atah Akakpo-Martin

Acolyte: Collin Swartz

Ushers: Mark, Jodi, Rhiannon and Vanessa White

Join us in Fellowship Hall for **SOCIAL HOUR** following worship on **October 1**. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Hostesses this month are Diane Rowe, Linda Balmer and Mary Rowe.

Food Pantry Collection Sunday is **October 1**. 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!!**

The annual **CROP walk** for the hungry will be held on City Island on Sunday, October 22. For more information call the church office at 944-4322.

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Thank You...

Dear Deacons-

I wanted to finally take the opportunity to thank all of you for your amazing support. We are especially thankful to Jodi White, Stephany Davidson and Gloria Agate for the wonderful meals they prepared and delivered to me and my family.

They were exactly what we needed!

Our family is so grateful to the Deacons of our church and the remaining congregation for your kindness, love and support.

Thank you so very much and God Bless.

The Akakpo-Martin's...

Atah, Suson, Hayli Grace and Alton

October 1

World Communion/Peacemaking Sunday

You are cordially invited to worship on October 1 as we observe World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday. With Christians around the world we will celebrate **Communion at 10:30AM** with a variety of bread being served to reflect the international nature of this observance.

Please invite a friend to worship and join us.

The **Peacemaking Offering** will also be received. The theme this year is, *Swords into Plowshares: Living the Ways of Peace*. In 2005 we received \$482.25 and hope to surpass that total this year. As we come to worship on October 1, let us be mindful of all those in the world who have been displaced, injured and suffer great want from war and violence. Your gift can make a difference for so many. Use the envelope attached to this newsletter, the one in the pew rack or mark your gift "Peacemaking". The portion of the offering that we keep will go to the Dauphin County Prison Chaplain Ministry. Peace be with you!

HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN...

The annual Halloween Party for children up to grade 5 will be held on Sunday, **October 29** from 4-6PM in Fellowship Hall. Please come in costume and bring a friend! There will be games, crafts and food. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**



HELP! Do you know how to sign? Do you know anyone who does or who could direct us to someone who signs? If so, please contact Erika Lauffer at 944-4713 or lauffarm@comcast.net. To have someone sign during worship and Adult Forum would not only allow those among us who are deaf and hard of hearing to participate fully, but also would add meaning to our intention to be an inviting and welcoming church.

ADULT FORUM * October, 2006 *

You are invited!

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

Theme: HIV/AIDS Awareness - Why does it matter?

October 8 - Ed Granger, Education Services Manager for **AIDS Community Alliance** in Harrisburg, will enlighten us regarding this ever timely topic on this Sunday which has been designated "HIV/AIDS Awareness" Sunday.

Theme: Stewardship

October 15 - **We Love to Tell the Stories**

Brian Yeich of the Adult Forum planning committee will lead our discussion as we share as many stories as we can regarding folks such as H. B. Garver, Carl Arnold, Grace & Ruth Brandt, Dr. Thomas C. McCarrell, Anna & Bertha Imsweiler, Austin Kern, Lester & Eber Noel, Edward & James Calquhoun and Frank & Edith Morrow and others.

October 22 - **Exercising your Will power**

with **Paula Kem** of the **Presbyterian Foundation**. The Presbyterian Foundation is committed to strengthening congregations, and other agencies of the Church by developing gifts and managing funds on their behalf.

October 29 - **Your Gifts at Work**

Gary Shank and Erika Lauffer will represent our Stewardship and Mission committees while leading a discussion about how our weekly giving is put to use. Join us to learn about the many ways your gifts fund the mission of the Church!

CAMP KRISLUND NEWS... Help is needed for our **Annual Work Day on October 7th**. Come work, eat, fellowship, and be a part of our ministry. We'll start at 9AM, have lunch at 12:30, and finish up at 4PM.

Krislund's **Fall Festival & Campaign Kickoff** will be held on **October 28** at Krislund Camp beginning at 12 noon. Food, Music, Activities for all ages. **ALL** are welcome and bring your friends!

MUSIC NOTES

The HANDCHIME CHOIR is open students in 3rd grade and up. No experience with handbells or handchimes necessary. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, October 1 at 9:00am in the music room. Join us!!

P.Y.C. NEWS...

All 6-12th graders are welcome to attend PYC (Presbyterian Youth Connection). The October schedule will include the following events:

Sunday, October 22 - we will take part in the annual CROP Walk for the hungry. YOU are invited to join the hundreds of others who will be walking to help feed the hungry of our area, nation and world. Sponsor forms are available at the church. As your family, neighbors and friends to sponsor you to walk 2 miles, 6 miles or 10 miles.

We will have lunch together after worship, so bring a change of clothes for walking. No skateboards permitted, sorry. We will then carpool to City Island for the 1:00PM registration. In 2005 we collected \$1,188. Can we hit \$1,200?! With YOUR help we could!!

Saturday, October 28 is the PYC Halloween Costume Party from 7-9PM. Get your friends to come along with you in costume to the home of Vanessa and Rhiannon White, 246 Colebrook Road, Middletown. We will enjoy some group games together. Plus, we'll have a judging of the funniest, scariest and most colorful costumes. Refreshments will be served. Don't be left out of the fun. See YOU on October 28!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

As we enter the last quarter of the year, we are grateful to all who have been faithful in their financial commitment. We rely on your regular, systematic giving in meeting our ministry and mission expenses. Those who have fallen behind are asked to try and "catch up" before the end of the year. With your help we are able to make an impact in our community and world for the cause of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

S.A.G.E.

(SENIOR ADULT GROUP EXCHANGE)

Retirees and all interested persons are welcome to the Wednesday, October 18 noon SAGE Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. The menu includes: spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, garlic and plain bread, brownies and ice cream, and beverage. Cost is \$7 per person payable to Presbyterian Congregation by October 15 and can be given to Pastor Potter.

The program "Hymns of a Country Church", will be a chalk talk with music by Jill Butler of Lititz. Jill's program will be very inspiring and comes highly recommended. We know you will not want to miss it. Register today and invite a friend, too!

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SAGE OCTOBER 18
Noon Lunch and Program

Yes, I/We plan to attend (print name)

Phone number _____

Cost is \$7/person, payable to the Presbyterian Congregation; give to Pastor Potter by October 15. Thank you!

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 **NOVEMBER** issue of the Press...byterian is **OCTOBER 19**. 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.

OCTOBER 2006

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Sherri Mullen	10/2
Katelyn Mateer	10/3
Sheila Wynn	10/3
Eddie Shireman	10/5
Andrew Rowe	10/6
Mary Rowe	10/7
Elizabeth Shireman	10/8
René Lasek	10/10
Patience Basehore	10/10
Chris Kleinfelter	10/10
Georgina Freeborn	10/12
Beth Swartz	10/12
Chris Bevins	10/14
Michael Gould	10/14
Pat Herrold	10/17
Donna Heiser	10/18
Taylor Santor	10/21
Ruth Raynor	10/22
Nancy Shank	10/22
Tracy Stouffer	10/23
Robert Davidson	10/26
Gary Shank	10/26
Zachary Santor	10/28
Helen Oldt	10/28
Will Botterbusch	10/29
Tina Shireman	10/31
Rev. Don Potter	10/31

We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Tony and Karen Potter	10/2
Lee and Jeanette Bloes	10/3
Rich and Mary Lou Lewis	10/7
Gary and Nancy Shank	10/8
Keith and Linda Eppley	10/10
Brian and Lori Yeich	10/19
Newell and June Shireman	10/20
Mark and Jodi White	10/22
Rick and Janice Goodling	10/26

CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2006

Sun	1	Social Hour, Food Pantry Collection, Handchime Practice 9AM, communion
Mon	2	Evangelism 7PM
Tues	3	
Wed	4	Choir 7:15PM, Christian Ed 6:30PM
Thurs	5	Property & Maintenance 7PM
Fri	6	
Sat	7	AA all day workshop
Sun	8	
Mon	9	Session 7PM
Tues	10	
Wed	11	Choir 7:15PM
Thurs	12	
Fri	13	
Sat	14	
Sun	15	Hymn Sing, Baptism Alton Akakpo-Martin
Mon	16	Mary Circle meets at the home of Virginia Olsen, Thrift Shop Volunteers
Tues	17	Thrift Shop Volunteers
Wed	18	Thrift Shop Volunteers, Noon SAGE, Choir 7:15PM
Thurs	19	Thrift Shop Volunteers
Fri	20	Thrift Shop Volunteers
Sat	21	Longaberger Basket Meeting
Sun	22	CROP Walk 1:30PM, Adult Forum Planning Meeting 4:30PM
Mon	23	Deacons 7PM
Tues	24	
Wed	25	Staff Meeting 10:30AM, Choir 7:15PM
Thurs	26	PYC Halloween Party 7-9PM @ White's
Fri	27	
Sat	28	
Sun	29	Consecration Sunday, Children's Halloween Party 4-6PM
Mon	30	
Tues	31	

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