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

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

Greeters:

- November 5:** Gail Allen and Pat Ingersoll
- November 12:** Tony, Karen, Rachel and John Potter
- November 19:** Lee and Jeanette Bloes
- November 26:** Vivian Kilroy and Glenice Marsala

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

- November 5:** Donna Thompson in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller.
 - November 12:** Mrs. Margaret Kern in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Longenecker.
 - November 19:** Bruce and Joanne Harter in loving memory of their daughter, Michelle.
 - November 26:** In remembrance of Anna and Bea Imswiler.
- CENTERPIECE** presented by Betty Ottensman in loving memory of her husband, Donald.

The Sunday Bulletins are dedicated by:

- November 5:** In honor of Beverly Shireman's birthday.
- November 12:** Gloria Elberti in loving memory of George Elberti, Jr.
- November 19:** John and Anna McDonald in loving memory of Laura Lecrone, K. Ray Lecrone and Luther Wyatt.
- November 26:** Ann Susemihl in loving memory of her parents, Dane Wert, Sr. and "Jo" Wert.

Nursery Duty:

- November 5:**
- November 12:** Patrice and Duane Stillwell
- November 19:** Karen and Tony Potter
- November 26:** Judy Packheiser

Acolyte: Abibail Packheiser (5th & 12th),
Andrew Rowe (19th & 26th)

Ushers: Jay & Susie Burns, and Frank & Carol Waple

Join us in Fellowship Hall for **SOCIAL HOUR** following worship on **November 5**. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Hostesses this month are Carol Wilsbach, Myrna Matesevac and Ethel Higgins.

Food Pantry Collection Sunday is **November 5th**. 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!!**

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ADULT FORUM * November, 2006 *

You are invited!

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

Theme: 20th Century Confessions

Question to elders and deacons at service of ordination: "Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and *be continually guided by our confessions?*"

Join us for the first 3 Sundays in November as three ministers of our Presbytery lead us in the study of 3 of the 11 confessions of our denomination. These 3 were adopted in the 20th century to deal with the application of the Christian faith in our time.

November 5 - Dick Sigler, Executive Presbyter of Kiskiminetas Presbytery, who lived and served in the World War II era, will present **The Theological Declaration of Barmen** (1934). This confession was written to protest putting the will of the state above the will of God.

November 12 - Heather Sigler, Associate for Congregational Services of Carlisle Presbytery, will present **The Confession of 1967**. Following the theme of reconciliation, this confession was built on the passage of scripture, "...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself..." (2 Corinthians 5:19).

November 19 - Mark Englund-Kreiger, Executive Presbyter of Carlisle Presbytery as of September 2005, will present **A Brief Confession of Faith - Presbyterian Church (USA)** (1991), a short modern statement of faith.

Theme during Advent:

A Clear View of Jesus' Birth

November 26 and for the following 3 Sundays in Advent, **Kenneth Bailey**, Presbyterian minister and missionary who spent most of his life in the Middle East, will lead us via video to a clearer understanding of Jesus' birth. This series strips away the "mythology" that has grown up around Christmas by addressing such questions as "Was Jesus really born in a stable?" and "Was Joseph really so inept that he couldn't find a place to stay in his own family's village?" and "What special message does Jesus' birth have for women?" and "Where did the wise men come from and why was myrrh one of their gifts to the baby Jesus?"

What's on YOUR mind?

Is there a topic you are knowledgeable about that you would like to share with fellow members of the congregation? Perhaps you've always wanted to have an in-depth discussion about the story of the Prodigal Son, or other topic.

The Adult Forum Planning Committee is looking for members who are interested in conducting sessions on topics of interest. If you would like to conduct a session, or part of a session, please contact Erika Lauffer at (lauffarm@comcast.net). Thank you!

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.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN OCTOBER. THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ANYONE IN-HELPING PLEASE DEACON FORMATION. - YOUNG OR YOUNG AND BETWEEN!! ELIZABETH - IT, YOU CAN DO IT!! PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!



From the Fellowship Committee...

Many thanks to all of you who bought soup and subs from the Fellowship Committee. We really appreciate it. While we are on the subject of buying, have you bought your Entertainment Book for 2007? The cost is only \$25.00 which you will save many times over in using the coupons. See Joanne Harter, Carol Waple, Carol Wilsbach or Donna Thompson to purchase one (or two or three - they would make good Christmas presents).

Keep in mind the Congregational Dinner on November 19 following the service.

A surprise reception was held for Rev. Don Potter on October 15 to honor his 30 years of ordination. He really enjoyed and appreciated it and a good time was had by all who attended. Thanks to all who came and helped with the luncheon.

S.A.G.E.

(SENIOR ADULT GROUP EXCHANGE)

You are invited to the SAGE lunch/program on Wednesday, November 15 at noon. We will relish in a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for only \$7/person - Payable to *Presbyterian Congregation* by November 12 and given to Pastor Potter.

The program will feature Judy Patton, Religion Writer for the Harrisburg Patriot-News. For 45 years, Judy has worked at the Patriot and will share her story with us. She is most engaging and we hope you will plan to come and hear her. Be sure to sign up TODAY and bring a friend, too.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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SAGE NOVEMBER 15
Noon Lunch and Program

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

Phone number _____

Money and registration due by November 12.

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 DECEMBER issue of the Press...byterian is **NOVEMBER 21**. 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 5. During worship we will be offering prayers of thanksgiving for the witness of faith of those of our church membership who have died since last year. This annual service will include appropriate music, sermon and prayers reflecting our gratitude for those who were called to their final rest and are now part of the Church Triumphant. Join us for this service.

News From Mary's Circle...

The Yard and Bake Sale on September 30 made \$1,239.53!!! Thank you one and all. As a result, we are going to donate \$1,000 to the Improvement Fund!!! Yeah!! We really appreciate all the volunteers Friday night and Saturday! Words cannot begin to tell you how grateful we are, but you must know by now, without you, the sale could not happen!! Each of you know who you are, and so thank you!!! For the community, it is a very good sale, as we have many customers each time who find treasures for themselves.

Volunteers of America did take all the leftover clothes, shoes and linens on the day of the sale, and Earl Balmer took our leftover books to the public library for their book sale. The other items had to be divided among Goodwill, Thrift Shop of Middletown and Shining Light, of which we are thankful for Gary Shank and Bob Mathias for moving those items for us. We must thank too, Jay Wilsbach, our church sexton, for taking care of the leftover boxes, etc., and filling his trash quota to the limit.

DATES TO MARK and BIG CHANGES in CIRCLE MEETING DATES:

All ladies of the church, please remember that you are automatically part of the Women's Association, and if you can come to our monthly meeting, we welcome you with open arms.

The first date to remember is November 20, 2006, 6:15-8:15 PM at Margaret Kern's apartment at Frey Village. This will be our last evening meeting. It is very special, because we will have a guest speaker, Jim Sours, who will share his experience on the mission trip he took to Alaska earlier this year.

Next on the calendar, Mary's Circle will not meet in December, January or February!! That will be annually, since the weather is usually not very welcoming to driving. Women's Circle will start to meet March through November 2007 and every year thereafter. ALSO, the time will be changing to daytime. We will now meet 10 AM to 12 Noon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We will keep everyone posted, but please note this change now.



"A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The 10 year old little girl replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, so on, and carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside to shine for all the world to see."

NOVEMBER 2006

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Stephanie Applegate	11/8
Chris Baer	11/8
Tim Freeborn	11/9
Beverly Shireman	11/9
Mark White	11/10
Jamie Eberhard	11/11
Mason Goodling	11/14
Susan Kleinfelter	11/17
Brett Mullen	11/20
Anna McDonald	11/20
Betsy Felker	11/20
Hayley Koenecke	11/20
Kim Tosh	11/22
Ellen Hunt	11/23
John McDonald	11/24
Barb Killen	11/25
Fae Mower	11/26
Cindy Lewis	11/26
Kayla Weaser	11/28
Joanne Harter	11/29
Brittney DiVittore	11/30



We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Gary and Becky Holman	11/3
Bob and Margo Mathias	11/7
Atah and Suson Akakpo-Martin	11/9
Warren and Martie Felty	11/11
Dick and Mary Ellen Baer	11/22
Tim and Diane Freeborn	11/27

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS – NOV. 12

Sunday, November 12 will be the next Service of Wholeness as part of the regular weekly worship service. As in the past, during worship, those with special prayer concerns for themselves or others may come forward for prayer and anointing with oil. This was a practice of the early church as we read in James 5:13-15. Do plan now to be in attendance and bring a friend as we share in this special time of prayer.

THANK OFFERING SERVICE - NOV. 19

The Rev. Wayne Lutz, Associate Chaplain at Dauphin County Prison will be our Thank Offering preacher, November 19 at 10:30 AM. Pastor Lutz is a native of Centre County, PA and a Presbyterian. He has served as a church pastor for 20 years, 5 years as a National Guard chaplain, before coming to his service at Dauphin County Prison. Pastor Lutz and his wife reside in Lewistown and have two grown daughters and three grandchildren. He is a graduate of Penn State University and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Come and help welcome Pastor Lutz to Middletown. Women of the church will also be assisting Pastor Lutz and Pastor Potter in the Thank Offering service. Join us!

COME OUT AND ENJOY THE WONDERFUL MUSIC OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHORAL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD THIS YEAR ON NOVEMBER 5 AT THE WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Call the church office at 944-4322 for more information.

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