



## **THE SHEPHERD'S CROOKE**

*It's almost hard to believe that Advent is over. I hope you enjoyed the gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace. They truly are the Christmas gifts that will never break. I understand that it might be tempting to start to look towards Lent and Easter. However, I would like to invite you to do something first. Stop, take a deep breath, and then start to reflect on all the things you were thankful for in 2011. Did someone or something make a difference in your life this past year? Next I would like for you to think of the ways in which you were the church this past year. This participation could take on a multitude of forms, from smiling at a stranger to helping to feed the homeless. Regardless of how you did it, just ask yourself how you shared the love you receive from God with the rest of the world. I suggested this brief exercise because so often in our society New Year's seems to trigger the necessity for making resolutions. In deciding on our resolutions we can sometimes devote quite a bit of time to brooding over what we didn't accomplish or what we did wrong. While I believe that setting goals is a wonderful thing, I also think we should recognize what has been accomplished. Our church fed over 1500 people at the Saturday services. We distributed over 300 bags of food at our Lent and Advent Agape meals. Our school provides for the educational needs of approx. 70 students. Each of you was a part of that either by funding a program with your tithes, helping to serve, or even just being a loving presence. Make no mistake, each of you make a difference. So what then can we do to spread God's love throughout our community and our world in 2012? Before you start to feel overwhelmed, stop and remember the infinite love that God has for all of us. Through Christ we are redeemed and have become one family of faith. Finding inspiration in that knowledge, let us go forth and strive to make a difference every day as we share God's love with the world.*

*With Blessings*

*Pastor Amy*

*Finally, beloved,\* whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

# Would You Like to Help?

We are looking for some volunteers to help out with the following ministries during the year 2012. Listed below are the ministries and what each one entails.

◆ **Sandwich Making**—On the first Sunday of the month, you will meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at 8:45 a.m. (or 9:30 a.m.). There you will make both turkey sandwiches and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. This takes approximately 45 minutes.

● *Dates: January 1<sup>st</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> (NO FOOLING!!), May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, & December 2<sup>nd</sup>*

◆ **Faith Mission Dinners**—On the second Tuesday of the month, you will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will need 2-3 volunteers to help bag cookies and silverware from 4:00-5:00 p.m. We will also need 4 volunteers from 5:45-7:45 p.m. to help transport and serve a pre-cooked meal at Faith Mission in Columbus. If you think your group can only help during one of these times, just let us know.

● *Dates: January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, & November 13<sup>th</sup>*

If your group would like to help out with one of these ministries, please fill out the form below and place it in Judy & Tony Montjoy's mailbox at church. Or you may sign-up on the poster on the magnetic board in the lobby. You may contact Judy & Tony Montjoy @ 237-1318 if you have any questions. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!

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\_\_\_\_\_ would like to help out with  
(Name of group & contact person)

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ministry—Sandwiches and/or Dinner) (Date)

# JANUARY

## Birthdays

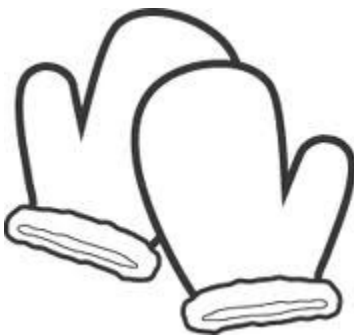
1/1 Nathan Rine  
1/4 Zach Cashwell  
1/7 Julie Huskey  
1/10 Odessa Adams  
1/12 Rhonda Erwin  
1/20 Susan Kuhn  
1/20 Kyle Figurski  
1/20 Abigail Figurski  
1/21 Nate Faubel-Ravefy  
1/27 Anneliese Gegenheimer  
1/28 Martha Buhrmaster  
1/29 John McAllister  
1/30 Jake Nutter

## Anniversaries

We do not have any wedding anniversaries this month.

## Communion Date

1/7-8 Baptism of the Lord – Intinction



## Lay Readers

1/1 Chelsea Tanksley  
1/8 Nancy Hartmann  
1/15 Marilyn Cook  
1/22 Cliff Marr  
1/29 Craig Bailey

## Acolyte Schedule

1/1 Daniel Hachet  
1/8 Brigita Gegenheimer  
1/15  
1/22  
1/29

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayer requests from today's service are shared with prayer groups of the church. We have listed below the names from last week. Please use the pew notes to share requests with us.

Please pray for:

Ron Gooslin	Mary Funtjar	Debbie Eifert
Bob Shaw	Madlyn Evans	Rhonda Erwin
Eugene Erwin	Cheryl Wolford	Gene Wolford
David Hoy	Bert George	Frank Banks
Melanie Rine	J.T.	Debi Glenn
Sher'rie Ann Rine	Kelley Phillhower	Donald Pierce
Keith Deardurff	Mark Wolford	Susan Cook
Dwight Secrest	Marylee Woods	Pastor Irv

Family of Joyce Davis upon her death.  
Family of Joseph Davidson upon his death.  
Bill Swearingen (Marlene Deardurff's brother in CA)

Ouma, Chuck, Reyleen, Renee, Colleen, Kimberly,  
Teri Simon, Charles, Jackie, Alan Froman,  
Angel, Dwan (all for cancer & healing)

# Brookwood News

*Congratulations to Brittany Cook who graduated from Bradford School on December 4<sup>th</sup>. She got her diploma in medical assisting. By Christmas she will have completed her eight weeks of externship and will be completely finished with school and will be looking for a full-time job.*



## Bethel Bible Series Resumes in January

The Bethel Bible Series will begin in early January. We look forward to seeing students from our fall session and welcoming new ones for the winter. Please contact either Frank Banks via phone at 614-842-8126 or Janet Stevens via email at [Stevensjk56@gmail.com](mailto:Stevensjk56@gmail.com) for further information.

## Christmas Party

*The Church Christmas Party was a lot of fun. There were grandparents, grandchildren and every age in between. People were playing volley ball in the gym and Fellowship Hall was full of Christmas crafters, and games of Uno and Apples to Apples were being played. Everyone enjoyed the warm chocolate chip cookies, oh, and the rest of the dinner. It was a fun night for everyone!! Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a fun event!*

*Thank You*

*Thank you to everyone who stayed after the service for the Deacon's Christmas Fund lunch. The food was tasty and it was good to fellowship over a great meal. Thank you also to everyone who contributed items for the Deacons Silent Auction. It was a great success. The donations for the lunch and the silent auction items, including the artwork, quilts, note cards, jewelry, baked goods and other items helped the Deacons Christmas Fund raise just over \$1,000!! The money will help the Deacons supply Christmas gifts for families, seniors and others that wouldn't have a Christmas without the Deacons. Thank you for your generosity.*

## Looking for a few adults

We are looking for a few adult chaperones for the Presbytery sponsored youth retreat at Camp Akita on February 10-12.



We will meet at the church and be ready to go around 5:30pm on Friday and will leave camp about 10am on Sunday morning and return to the church. We need to have one adult for every five Brookwood youth that comes to the camp and we will need both male and female chaperones.

Brookwood covers the cost for the chaperones. Camp Akita is a beautiful camp with great food and relevant, energizing activities. Please let Pam or Bonnie know if you can be a chaperone for the retreat or if you have any questions. The youth have a great time and the chaperones do too!!



# Save the Dates...

**Brookwood Presbyterian Church will be having their Annual Congregational Meeting on January 22, 2012.**

**& Elders Retreat will be on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>.**



## Brookwood Family & Friends



*Got Christmas?? Everyone did who attended the Christmas concert at the German Village Meeting Haus December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Many Brookwood members and friends enjoyed a wonderful selection of Christmas songs by the Village Singers, well represented by Brookwood members. There were the familiar faces of Bonnie Bailey, Craig Bailey, John Birkner, Nancy Hartmann, Dan Jax, Marcia McAllister, Tony Montjoy, Linsie Rose and Barbara Smoot and our own Karen Chitu, Director/Accompanist.*



*A BIG Thank you to Marcey & Dan Markoff for their dedicated service over the years in delivering the Sunday morning sandwiches that Brookwood makes for Friends of The Homeless. Marcey & Dan recently decided it was time to retire and when asked just how long they'd been in the delivery business they weren't sure whether it was 6 or 7 years!! Thanks Marcey & Dan for so many years of faithful service.*



*Our Deepest Sympathy*

Condolences to the French family upon the death of Mary's father. Mary is back home.

French Family  
2429 E. Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43209

Esther Reed passed away Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Manor Care of Westerville.

Cards can be sent to her daughter Donna at

Donna Reed and family  
6545 Meadow Glen  
Westerville, OH 43082

We wish a speedy recovery to the following Brookwood members:

Loraine Tarrent who is recovering from a fall.

Cards of care can be sent to  
2585 Kenview Rd. South  
Columbus, OH 43209

Ellen Bennett who had foot surgery.

Get well cards can be sent to  
513 S. Drexel Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43209

Charlie Walz who is back home after a recent fall,

cards can be sent to  
2229 Taylor Park Dr. Apt. 616  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068



Frank Banks recovering from a fall,  
cards can be sent to  
Wesley Glen Room 210  
5155 N. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43214

Pastor Irv who is back home after having surgery,  
cards can be sent to  
420 Charleston Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43214



LCPL Rine, Robert M  
(& Sherrie)  
120 Joe Powell Lane #19  
Jacksonville, NC 28540

SPC. 4 Vincent M. Krivda  
will have new  
address soon!!!

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Patrick Harrigan  
C Compony 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
SBCT Apache  
APO AE 09383  
(Rocky Krivda's husband  
\*\*new address\*\*)

PFC Krivda, Thurman  
will have new  
address soon!!

Otis Cuffee (will have an address soon)



## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE SUPER BOWL and YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS—SUBS! 😊

The Youth will once again be having a Super Bowl Sub Sale. The cost will be \$5 and all of the proceeds will go towards various youth activities (meetings, retreats, mission trips, etc). We will be selling Italian, Turkey or Veggie subs. You may order the subs after the services the weekends of Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> & Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Our sub pick-up time will be after the church services on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your continued support of our youth!!!!!!!!!!!! 😊

If you have questions or to place an order—contact Pam Nutter @367-9080 or [prnutter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prnutter@sbcglobal.net) Thanks again



## Winter Youth Retreat

The Presbytery is once again sponsoring a Youth Retreat for all middle and high school students of the Presbyterian Churches in our area. It will be the weekend of Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at Camp Akita (That's where it's been for the past few years--beautiful area with a great lodge & fantastic food! 😊) The cost for our youth will be \$50. We will need to have the registration forms and money by Sunday, January 22<sup>th</sup>.

Scholarships will be available. If you are interested in going or chaperoning, contact Pam Nutter at 367-9080 or [prnutter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prnutter@sbcglobal.net)

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