



## **THE SHEPHERD'S CROOKE**

By Pastor John E. Birkner

Last January, I wrote a Pastoral Letter to the Congregation. Now seems like an appropriate time to revisit some of the themes of that letter.

First, a series of New Members Orientation Classes were proposed to be held both after Church on Sunday and Saturday as well. The purpose of the classes was and is to introduce potential members to Presbyterianism in general and Brookwood Presbyterian Church in particular. Following this class, any individuals or families who wished to join Brookwood would be prepared to do so. At the Easter Vigil, 13 of these individuals/families have joined the Church as Active Adult Members and one as a Baptized Member. It has been quite a while, at least 12 years by my count, since Brookwood has had so many new members join at one time, but as is always the case in regards to church membership, there is certainly room for a few more! Pastor Moxley, I believe, will be holding another series of these classes in the not too distant future—so stay tuned!

Second, the “Modest Capital Campaign” was in full swing. As of today Brookwood Presbyterian Church has raised over \$50,000.00 which means, with matching funds from BCLC, over \$100,000.00 is now available to take care of some long over due renovations/upgrades to the Brookwood Facility. Topping the list of these renovations/upgrades is replacing the Chapel and Sanctuary side boilers. It is hoped, weather permitting, that the Chapel side boilers will be installed yet this Fall. As to why the boilers have not already been installed: The delay in installation was the result of unwillingness on the part of our present service company to provide a written estimate—despite repeated requests. On projects of this magnitude, Building & Grounds’ policy is to seek at least two estimates. However, with the number of acceptable weather days in which to install the boilers rapidly diminishing, Building & Grounds felt they had no recourse but to go with the company who gave us a written bid. As it stands now, it is hoped that the Chapel furnaces will be installed by the end of October with the Sanctuary side furnaces to be done next Spring. As to the final proposed project, waterproofing the Gym, the project upon review by several outside experts appears to be a much larger and more expensive proposition than first imagined. Therefore additional funds will need to be raised before that project can be undertaken. Any funds left from the “Modest Capital Campaign” following the installation of the new boilers (on both sides) will be kept in the “Modest Capital Campaign” account to act as “seed” money for this project which will be re-examined at a later date. In short, the “Modest Capital Campaign” met its financial goals and then some and for that we can all be grateful.

What was not in my letter in January was the prospect of having both a Part-Time Pastor and a Seminary Intern added to the Brookwood staff. A couple of months into the ministries of the Rev. Irvin Moxley and Pastoral Intern, Amy House, I think it’s safe to say that they have both been wonderful additions to Brookwood and its worship and mission. Personally speaking, it has been kind of nice not to have to prepare two sermons a week and a newsletter article every month. But best of all, having Pastor Irv and Pastor-To-Be Intern Amy here has given me the freedom to take some time off both for vacation (visiting my Dad in Iowa) and family concerns (my Uncle Clarence’s funeral).

As I noted in my January letter, change can be a slow, sometimes joyful, sometimes painful, and often nearly imperceptible process, but as the philosopher Heraclites once remarked, “Nothing is more certain than change.”

Brookwood Presbyterian Church is changing—come and see how—come and be part of it!

See you in Church,

Pastor John, 11/19/11

# HIGHLIGHTS

## UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Reverend Dr. Irvin S. Moxley

*When Irvin Moxley was growing up in Louisville, Kentucky the legacy of his Presbyterian minister grandfather shaped the lives of his family, especially his. Baptized as a babe in arms by his grandfather, one of his earliest memories is the presentation of the idea that his becoming a minister was “God’s calling.” But, this was not what he intended to do. He was interested in biology and was encouraged by his high school biology teacher to consider biology as a career. As he studied the scientific approach to life he found himself asking, “Just what is the meaning of life?” Wrestling with that question eventually led him to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and, in his words, “that’s when life began to take on meaning.” What followed over the years is a life full of meaning, filled with extraordinary service and accomplishment.*

*After receiving graduate and undergrad degrees from the University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary he continued his educational experiences on the campuses of Princeton, Harvard, Howard, Auburn and with the Shalom Institute for Spiritual Direction. Teaching experiences have been at the University of Louisville, Jefferson Community College, the U of Kentucky, and as adjunct faculty at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.*

*Dr. Moxley (or Pastor Irv as he prefers to be called) has a long and distinguished record of service as a minister in both Kentucky and Ohio churches. He retired for the first time in 2000, after which he served 11 years as Parish Pastor for Fairmoor and Shady Lane Presbyterian Churches. His second retirement, or so he thought, took place shortly before he came to Brookwood.*

*Extensive positions in ministry in the Councils of the Church has also been a big part of Pastor Irv’s professional life. Moderator of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Presbytery and Chair of one the General Assembly Advisory Committees are but two of his past positions. He continues to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Louisville Seminary and several other Councils. Community service includes the American Red Cross: Service to Military and Their Families and participation in a weekly TV and radio program, Moral Side of the News Panel on Louisville station WHAS.*

*Pastor Irv and his wife Rubee, who is a retired clinical worker, recently celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their two daughters and 4 grandchildren, who also reside in Columbus, were part of this joyous occasion. Spending time with his family, reading, enjoying music (both classical and jazz) are some of the ways in which he spends his time when not working. He and Rubee also enjoy vacation time at a beach home and an occasional cruise.*

*Brookwood is truly fortunate to have Pastor Irv as our Part-Time Pastor. His vast experience and his dedication to our mission of “Sharing God’s Love” make this an exciting time in the life of our church. His door is always open and members are encouraged to stop in.*

*Welcome Aboard, Pastor Irv!*

## **News from your Worship Ministry Unit**

### *Advent and Christmas Schedule*

*Hanging of the Greens (note a little different approach this year)*

*Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> immediately after the Supper-Worship service we will decorate the SANCTUARY. YES YES YES, we will be worshipping in the Sanctuary for the 7pm Christmas Eve service. The 11pm Christmas Eve service will be in the Chapel. And the combined Christmas Sunday service will be at 10:30am in the Chapel.*



*By being able to decorate the Sanctuary early we will include all those that attend the Saturday service and all others that will take the opportunity to make the Sanctuary “perfect” for the Eve Service. Know many of us will look forward to that with great anticipation.*

*Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> immediately after the 10:30am service we will complete the “Hanging of the Greens” and of course light refreshments will be served.*

*Any questions or suggestions please talk to someone on the Worship Ministry Unit.*

*Thank you,  
Nancy Hartmann*



## **Update from your Deacons**

*Join us for a Deacons Christmas Fund Event!!*

*Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:45, join the Deacons for lunch and a silent auction. The funds that are raised through the lunch and the auction will support the Deacons Christmas Fund. The fund is used to buy Christmas presents and food gift certificates for people who won't have a Christmas Gift without our help. Items for the silent auction include a quilt donated by our own quilters group, artwork by Brookwood artists, baked goods, including Helen's pecan pies and other treats and treasures. Please plan on joining us for lunch and the auction.*

*There will be more details including a list of all the items coming!  
Thank you for your support of a worthwhile church mission project.*

**Silent Auction**  
**SOLD**

*Last month in Brookwood's ECHOES, Amy House shared with us a little about her background and her family. In partnership with Trinity Lutheran Seminary she will be with us for a nine month internship program. Hopefully, you have all had a chance to meet her and to hear her sermons when she gave them.*

*Since we have not recently had an intern here at Brookwood, perhaps a little information about her role here would be helpful. She began September 1 and will be with us until June 15 of next year. She is working on the third year of her post college program so she will have nine months of intensive involvement in the ministry of the church. As she is involved in ministry, time will also be spent analyzing and reflecting upon and learning from her experiences. Thus, she will divide her time between Brookwood, Seminary, and her family. This means that one-fourth of her total training for ministry takes place among us here at Brookwood.*

*During the time Amy is with us, we should mention briefly our role as members of the church. If you have not already done so, please introduce yourself and your family so that she can put names and faces together. She is very good in that respect but it takes time. Also, if you are in a Dine with 9 group, please invite her to join your group for a meal. She must juggle her own schedule; but if she can arrange it, she would like to join you. While she is here, Amy needs our understanding, loyalty, and prayers.*

*Amy will work as a team member of our pastoral staff. She meets weekly with Pastor John or Pastor Irv for supervision, theological reflection and support. If you would like to request her assistance with a church matter, please clear that request first through one of the pastors. Obviously, she can't do everything so please let the pastors direct her as they see fit in light of the objectives and goals that have been set up.*

*Already, you have noticed that Amy is very visible here at church. She will preach about three times per month at one of the three scheduled services. She also assists in worship when she is not preaching. She plans to teach an Advent adult education class, probably on Wednesday evening, so you are encouraged to consider joining that class when the time is announced. She also leads Bible study on Wednesday evening of the weeks when she is preaching.*

*As we welcome Amy, please give her your support and prayers. Her enthusiasm is apparent and she has encouraged us all "to be the hands and feet of Christ as we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God".*





## *Lay Readers*

11/6 Helen Huntley  
 11/13 Jim Dulmage  
 11/20 Cliff Marr  
 11/27 Loraine Tarrent

## *Acolyte Schedule*

11/6 Jeffrey Nicosia  
 11/13 Daniel Hachet  
 11/20 Brigitta Gegenheimer  
 11/27 Christina Hachet

## *Birthdays*

11/1 Joseph Davidson  
 11/4 Carl Deardurff, Jr  
 11/4 David Rood  
 11/6 Paul Markoff, Jr  
 11/7 Jeanne McFee  
 11/8 Betty Wristen  
 11/10 Loraine Tarrent  
 11/13 Roberta Malone  
 11/13 Jim Dulmage  
 11/20 Frank Banks  
 11/22 Betty Borghese  
 11/22 Tim Stubbs  
 11/23 Joyce Davis  
 11/24 Bonnie Bailey  
 11/30 Oliver Adams, Jr

## *Communion Date*

11/19-20 Christ the King Intinction

### 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:

Joyce Davis (recovery)	Ron Gooslin (healing)
Mary Funtjar (recovery)	Debbie Eifert (healing)
Bob Shaw	Madlyn Evans
Rhonda Erwin (recovery)	Eugene Erwin(recovery)
Cheryl Wolford (recovery)	Gene Wolford (recovery)
David Hoy (recovery)	Bert George
Gordon Ley	Melanie Rine
Sher'rie Ann Rine	J.T
Kelley Philhower	Keith Deardurff
Donald Pierce	Donna
Mark Wolford	Debi Glenn (health concerns)
Annie Wolford (recovery/broken hip)	
Damon & Helen Abdon (health concerns)	
Christine Horsley & sister's Sally, Jenny, Connie & Linda	
Ernie & Geri Heairld upon thei death of their son Charles	
The family of Thelma Wright upon her death	
Bill Swearingen (Marlene Deardurff's brother in CA)	
Ouma, Chuck, Reylen, Renee, Colleen, Kimberly,	
Teri Simon, Charles, Jackie, Alan Froman,	
Angel, Dwan (all for cancer & healing)	

## *Anniversaries*

11/15 Charles & Ada Walz - 70 yrs  
 11/18 Nate & Kelly Salmon - 11 yrs  
 11/24 Steve & Mary French - 38 yrs  
 11/30 Bob & Edna Harbold - 71 yrs

## *It's HARVEST TABLE time!*



The Mission Outreach Ministry Unit will be sponsoring their annual food drive in order to collect canned goods and prepare Thanksgiving food baskets for 120 Columbus area families. Once again we will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets for Franklin County Developmentally Disabled, The Native American Indian Center, Old First Church, First Link and Families and Friends of Brookwood. Food items will be collected in the Chapel through November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Following is our list of requested food items:

15 oz. Cans of Cut Green Beans

40 oz. Cans of Yams

15 oz. Cans of Evaporated Milk

Boxed Pie Crust Mix

15 oz. Cans of Whole Kernel Corn

15 oz. Cans of Cranberry Sauce

29 oz. Cans of Pumpkin Pie Mix

Boxed Stuffing Mix (Turkey or Chicken)

Monetary donations will also be of great help as we will need to purchase the uncollected canned food items as well as potatoes, apples, bread and gift cards for turkeys. We estimate our cost for providing each basket to be roughly \$25.

When making a monetary donation, please mark the envelope that it is for "Harvest Table". Please make checks payable to Brookwood and indicate "Harvest Table" in the notes section of your check. Thanks! ☺

For those of you interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet will be posted on the magnetic board in the lobby.

Thanks again for your continued support.

*The Mission Outreach Ministry Unit*



## Meet the Candidates Forum Kickoff

*The Franklin County Consortium for Good Government celebrated its twentieth “birthday” at Brookwood Presbyterian Church, one of the Consortium's founding organizations in 1991, on September 15, 2011 by recognizing some of the many people and organizations who have contributed to its success in central Ohio. The Consortium's goal is to help central Ohio voters learn about candidates and issues.*

*Chuck White of 10TV, himself an honoree, (you may remember him from Lucy's Toy Shop) served as Master of Ceremonies and had some good stories. Speakers included former Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections and current Assistant Director of the Ohio Secretary of State, Matthew Damschroder; former Columbus City Council member and Director of the Ohio Department of Insurance, Mary Jo Hudson; and Director of Continuing Education & Lifelong Learning at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Ward (Skip) Cornett. They were all very good speakers.*

*The celebration also served to kick off the Consortium's 2011 series of Meet the Candidates Forum events throughout Franklin County, Ohio in September and October.*

*Brookwood Church held the first Meet the Candidates Night in 1990. Earl Todt, John Shrack and Frank Banks were among the first organizers of that event. Earl Todt was present at the September event and was asked to accept the Award given to Brookwood Presbyterian Church as a founder of the whole organization. His wife Patti was not able to accompany him since he was staying over for some meetings the next day. Patti and Earl now live in Waverly, Ohio.*

*Brookwood has opted out of hosting a Meet the Candidates Forum this year and next due to expense and exhausted leadership. The poster has been made available on the message board so that all congregants may find the event most appropriate for them to attend. Don't forget to vote November 8<sup>th</sup>.*



*Barb Smoot, Frank Banks & Earl Todt*

# Brookwood Family & Friends

*On October 2, three Boy Scouts were presented with the God and Church Award in a special Pastoral Rite of The Church at the 10:30 worship service. Two of those Scouts, Daniel Hachet and Jeffrey Nicosia are Brookwood members. Pastor John supervised the extensive study program which requires a commitment of time and energy to not only study the faith but to act it out. There is also the expectation for continued growth by seeking to follow the example set by Jesus to grow and become strong and full of wisdom. Congratulations to Daniel and Jeffrey on this significant achievement.*



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 Robert and Sherrie Rine have welcomed little Asa Xavier, born September 5, into their family. Congratulations to the happy couple and to grandparents, Rob and Melanie.

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The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Columbus CROP hunger walk was held on Oct. 9, 2011.

Brookwood was a participant again this year. About 11 people from the congregation and family members were walkers this year, plus a dog.

CROP hunger walks are community fund raising events sponsored by the Church World Service (CWS), international relief, development and refugee entitlement organization. The emphasis this year was on increasing access to clean water for under-developed communities around the world.

Money raised by the CROP walks is used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development programs for needy people worldwide.



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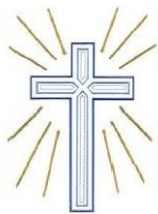
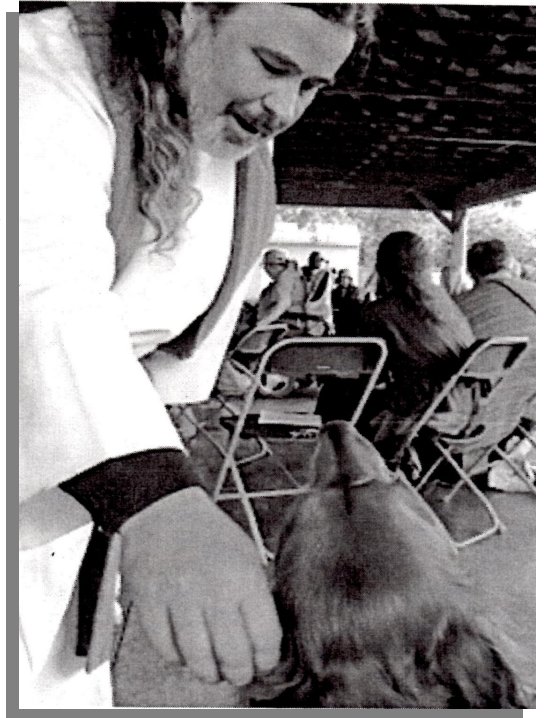


*Welcome back to two of our staff members, Penny Truex, Administrative Associate who was out for arm surgery and Organist/Pianist, Karen Chitu, who battled a lung infection. We missed both of you and are glad to have you back.*

## Blessing of the Animals

Brookwood held the Blessing of the Animals this past September on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. It was the first time we have held the event since 2007. I am very pleased to report it was a smashing success. We had over fifty animals at the event. Some were in absentia and were blessed by either a drawn picture by some of the children or by a photograph. The event was held outside under the pavilion and were blessed with wonderful weather. Pastor John, Pastor In & Pastor Karen officiated and all the animals behaved splendidly. Special thanks for helping with the event goes to Todd Beittel, Ellen Wristen, Nancy Hartmann, Cheryl Wolford and all who attended. It was a wonderful event for our community and I truly believe animals help bring people together to do good things. Hope to see you again next year with even more animals.

Thank you,  
David W. Fick



*Rest In Peace*

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**Thelma Wright passed away Friday October 21, 2011  
Prayers are with her family at this time of sorrow.**

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LCPL Rine, Robert M  
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\*\*)

Otis Cuffee (will have an address soon)

SPC. 4 Vincent M. Krivda  
A Co. 201<sup>st</sup> BSB  
Task Force, Duke  
FOB Salerno  
APO AE 09314

PFC Krivda, Thurman  
D/1-18 IN, 2/1AAB  
Camp Taji  
APO AE 09378  
\*\*updated address\*\*

## All Church Christmas Party

On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm, the Education Ministry Unit will be having a Christmas party for our church family and friends. There will be food, crafts, games and volleyball. You are welcome to invite your friends and family.

Everyone is welcome! Hope you can join us for some holiday fun!

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### Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00 pm

- Service Project—Raking leaves for members of the congregation. Meet at the church at 2:00 and we will carpool to the houses for raking.
- If you are planning on joining us, please RSVP to Pam Nutter (367-9080 or [prnutter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prnutter@sbcglobal.net)). Thanks! ☺

### Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30-2:00 pm

- Lunch in the Fellowship Hall around 11:30 followed by our service project of raking leaves for members of the congregation.
- If you are planning on joining us, please RSVP to Pam Nutter (367-9080 or [prnutter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prnutter@sbcglobal.net)). Thanks! ☺

### Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>

- Bag potatoes for the Harvest Table baskets. We will begin this during the Church School Hour and finish as needed after the service.

### Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party from 6:00-8:00 pm

- Come and join us for food, games, crafts & volleyball! This is an activity for our entire congregation! ☺

\*\*\* If you have any questions or ideas, just let me know. Thanks! ☺

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