

News & Notes

December 20—26, 2009

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Holiday Office Hours

The Church Office will be open on Christmas Eve until Noon, then closed on Christmas Day. It will be open on New Year's Eve until Noon, then closed New Year's Day.

Love Offering For Jesus

Just a reminder regarding the letter you received recently. We are asking that you give an extra financial gift this month, to go toward the general fund deficit we are facing. Please use the special offering envelope that was included, or designate your donation to "Love Offering For Jesus." Donations must be received by December 29.

Church Cookbooks

Need a Christmas gift? Want new recipes for yourself? Pick up a BPEFC cookbook for just \$10 at the Info Desk!

Special Request

Recently we found out that we need to replace two of our four heating boilers. This is a pressing need. Would you consider giving an extra financial gift this week, to help cover the \$9,500 cost? On your check memo line, please mark it "Boiler Fund." Questions? Talk with Pastor Jeff.

Offering Envelopes

On Sunday, December 20 & 27, please pick up your box of numbered offering envelopes. If you do not have envelopes, you can sign up for some at that time. Using these envelopes is a great help with recordkeeping.

Stephen Ministry Training in January

Stephen ministers are caring people who have received training to walk alongside others in a confidential way, during times of crisis. If you have a heart to care for and listen to others, perhaps Stephen Ministry is for you. Training will be offered beginning January 29, 2010. Please stop by the Care Ministry Kiosk to sign up or if you have questions.

Laptop Computers for Africa

We are looking for donations of laptop computers in good, working condition (with *XP* or *Windows 7*), for pastors in Africa. You could also give a cash donation. Talk with Pastor Rick to help.

Congratulations to . . .

Jason and Carolyn Counihan on the birth of a son, Seth Roger, born December 16, 2009.

Our Sympathy to . . .

- Phil and Bev Demming on the passing of Phil's aunt.
- Charles and Pat Nehme on the passing of Charles' brother.

Extra Offering Envelopes?

If you don't use the offering envelope found in the Bulletin, please drop it off in the basket on the Information Desk—we'll reuse it! Thanks.



CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Mary Van Der Werf
Ext. 30, maryv@bpefc.org

Special Delivery Packages

Pick up a package or two at the Care Kiosk TODAY to deliver to families from our church (before Christmas).

Care-giving Help Needed

Janet Hanson is in need of people to be with her during the day. If you can do that for a day or half-day shift, please contact Mary Van Der Werf at 612-385-3495.

Missing Hearing Devices

We are missing two of our hearing devices from the Information Desk. If you took one home in error, please return it right away to the Information Desk or Office. Thanks much!



YOUNG ADULTS **(Ages 18—20-Something)**

Pastor Josh Major, Ext. 14

Young Marrieds and Young Adults ABF

Join us Sundays from 9:00—10:15 AM. Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, prayer and a study before the Celebration Service (Room 112/113).



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13, 763-391-6140
Cheryl Southard, Team Leader
Laurel Jenson, Co-Leader

Plymouth Playhouse Production

Plan to see *Away in the Basement* at the Plymouth Playhouse on January 15, at 7:00 PM. Sign up for tickets today at the Adult Ministry Kiosk. Don't miss out!

Women's Bible Studies Resume 1/6 & 7

- Wednesdays, 6:30—8:00 PM, Beth Moore study and *Genesis: Part 2*
 - Thursdays, 9:15—11:30 AM, Janine Bear study, *How to Study the Bible: Book of Titus*
- Sign up today at the Adult Ministry Kiosk in the Foyer.

Upcoming in 2010

- Mark your calendar for Friday/Saturday, February 5/6, for a Marriage & Singles Seminar.
- Need a good laugh? Don't miss the Family Night with a Sports Comedy Show on Saturday, March 6.
- Women's Retreat: October 1—3. Praise God . . . we have a location confirmed—Rutgers Resort in the Brainerd area. Thanks for praying about that. Check out the resort at www.Rutgers.com. Don't forget to be saving money!



LIVING PROOF

Student Ministries

Jena Pietari, Director, Ext. 15

Weekly Events

- **Youth Worship Service**
Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room
- **Wednesday Small Groups (resume January 6)**
6:30—8:00 PM, Youth Room (unless noted on Calendar)

Upcoming

1/1-2 Youth Lock In: \$20 for all-night fun! Bring friends! (Parents, we are looking for 5—6 people to help with cleanup from 5:30—7:00 AM. Talk with Jena.)

NOTE: No Small Groups/Music Practice

Wednesday, December 23 or 30

For the current Youth Calendar, see a brochure or www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/youth.



Leane Gondek
Children's Ministries Director, Ext. 27
Leanne Klein
Assistant Director, Ext. 38

K.Z. Disciples

December 23 & 30: Christmas Break—No K.Z.
January 6: Celebration Night (no lesson)



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Our Military Family and Friends

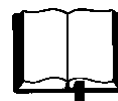
Bradley Wanger	Mike Postel
DJ Jackson	Wesley Filson
Helen Gappa	Jerry Healy, Jr.
James Grose	Eric Jenson
Tom Behling	Bill Baker
Reuben Metter	William Kujawski
Jason Liebsch	Greg Trunk
Matthew Harker	Josh Bonachea
Nick Berhelsen	Peter Berthelsen
Chris Gusaas	Philip Krumrie
Caleb Berthelsen	Steven Hanson
Taylor Peterson	Brandon Franz
Luke Jackson	Andrew Nelson
Austin Westland	Mitchell Klein
Nate Iverson	Gary Batinich
Ryan and Melissa Strickland	

Praise God For:

- The sacrifice these men and women give for their country to protect our freedom around the world.

Pray For:

- Them as they are separated from their families during this Christmas season.
- Comfort in their loneliness. Pray they will remember that Christ is there with them, and that they would give their all to Him.
- Their protection. That God would put a hedge of protection around them and bring them home safe.



ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

Looking for a place to belong? Check out an ABF on Sunday mornings.

Newly Marrieds: For young marrieds and engaged couples. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 112/113.

Mosaic: Multi-ethnic, multi-generational, for singles and couples. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 108/109.

Salt: Those raising elementary-age children and students Grades 7—12. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 108/109.

In-Betweeners: Singles and couples, 50's and up. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 112/113.

Prime Timers: Senior adults. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 114.