

News & Notes

December 6—12, 2009

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Kids' Musical This Saturday

Don't miss the kids as they perform *The Best Christmas Present Ever*, this Saturday at 2:00 & 6:00 PM. Come for desserts, too!

Youth Fundraising

Stop by the Student Ministries Kiosk to show support:

- *L.P. Café*—Sunday Mornings, 8:45—10:45 AM
- *Snack Machines* in the back hallway—buy a treat and support the youth

Christmas Choir

Join Choir for Christmas! Our Celebration Choir is open to new people who want to sing with us on Sunday morning, December 20, for *Sounds of Christmas*. We will be singing traditional Christmas carols, an African Noel and *For Unto Us*, from *Handel's Messiah*. We will be joined by a children's choir and accompanied by our rhythm section and a string ensemble. If you have not yet joined us, you will need to attend the rehearsals on Wednesday, December 9 and 16. Please call the Church Office to register (763-391-6140) or simply come to a rehearsal. Questions? Contact Pastor David Durey, Director.

Sound Tech Needed

Support Groups meet on Tuesday evenings, and they are in need of a sound tech to help out. Whether you have experience or need to be trained, we can use you. Please contact Pastor Rick if you are interested.

Special Giving Project

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.

Church Cookbooks

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

Christmas Caroling

Shannon Trunk and Melissa Carey are organizing two nights of caroling. If you are interested, please e-mail shan.banan@yahoo.com, and we'll let you know when and where!

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.

Remembering Our Military Family

A bulletin board is posted in the church to remind us to pray for our service men and women. If you know of someone to include, please contact Laurel Jenson at 763-424-5685 or laurelaj@comcast.net.

River Tree School Volunteers Needed

Would you be interested in being a scribe to help second and third graders during exam week, December 14—18? You need your own laptop computer. Times vary, but all testing is in the morning. If interested, contact Erica at Erica@rivertreeschool.org.

Laptop Computers for Africa

We are looking for donations of laptop computers in good, working condition, for pastors in Africa. You could also give a cash donation. Talk with Pastor Rick if you can help.

Operation Christmas Child Update

We donated 60 shoeboxes full of gifts!! Thank you!!

Our Sympathy to . . .

- Mary Ann Hagg on the passing of her brother.
- Janet Walters and her family on the passing of her grandmother.

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

Remembrance Service

Come today at 4:00 PM to be encouraged by special music, a devotional by Pastor Rick and a time of remembering loved ones. Stay for coffee and fellowship following the service.

Special Delivery Packages

Sign up at the Care Ministry Kiosk to deliver one or more Christmas packages to families from our church (before Christmas).



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

Items of Importance

- The Women's Bible studies have finished up their fall courses. They will resume again in January 2010.
- Plan to see the *Away in the Basement* production at the Plymouth Playhouse on January 15, at 7:00 PM. Tickets go on sale soon. Don't miss out on a great dinner and performance!

Upcoming in 2010

Game Night . . . Marriage Seminar . . . Singles Seminar . . .
Comedy Night . . . Women's Tea . . . Watch for details!



LIVING PROOF

Student Ministries
Jena Pietari, Director, Ext. 15

Weekly Events

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

Upcoming

- 12/12 Angel Tree Party:** 2:00–4:00 PM. Help with games for kids.
- 12/16 Christmas Party:** 6:30–8:00 PM. Bring a "white elephant gift" and get ready to have fun!

Youth Lock-In . . .

Don't miss it—January 1–2, 2010. Invite your friends!

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

Have Lesson 11 completed for this Wednesday, December 9.

Studio K.Z. — Christmas Music and Drama Schedule This Week

- **Regular Wednesday Rehearsal ALL Kids:**
Wednesday, December 9, 5:30-6:25 PM
- **Final Rehearsal ALL Kids:** Thursday, December 10, 6:30-8:00 PM
- **Performances** this Saturday, December 12, at 2:00 and 6:00 PM. It'll be great!
- Place your order for the kids' **Christmas Musical DVD**. Sign up at the Kids' ZONE Kiosk.



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**Julie Anderson
Ellie**

**Adventures in Missions (AIM)
Swaziland, AFRICA**

Praise God:

- For successful Christmas parties with the women I work with, and good times of celebrating the birth of Christ.
- I was able to sell my old problematic car, and God has also provided the funds to buy a new one.
- For a good year for Timbali Crafts. We continue to grow and provide an income for more and more women.

Pray For:

- Wisdom in buying a new vehicle. Pray for something good and reliable!
- Wisdom in managing Timbali Crafts as it grows.
- Our house. It has been having electrical, water, and rodent problems. Pray for quick solutions, whether it means repairs or moving.
- Wisdom and strength in parenting Ellie, and that she would be a little girl who loves and serves the Lord! Pray also that we would seek the Lord fervently and rely on Him for all things!



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.