

News & Notes

December 4–10, 2011

Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free Church
763-391-6140

ALL-CHURCH CORNER

Angel Tree Christmas

We are serving 60 children of prisoners this year. Volunteers are needed in the following ways:

- Buy gifts for the children.
- Help minister to the families at the Christmas party on **Sunday, December 11, from 2:00–4:00 PM.**
 - Help with the party activities, including games for teens (basketball), cookie decorating, making a Christmas tree ornament, music, help with transportation, help with set-up and tear-down.
 - Provide Christmas goodies, cookies, candies, etc. to be served at the party.
- Deliver gifts to homes of those who are unable to come to the party, and share Christ with the family.

To help, stop by the Angel Tree in the Foyer today!

New Prayer Chain Coordinator

If you have a prayer request you'd like to pass along to the church, contact Holly Jenson at 763-424-7677 or hollyjenson@gmail.com.

Still Time to Join the Christmas Choir

You are invited to join the Celebration Choir for the "Sounds of Christmas" on December 18. Music/CDs are available now. Rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 11, from 5:30–7:00 PM. Please contact Pastor Luke Turner or Pastor David Durey at the Church Office: 763-391-6140.

Interested in Being a Snow Blower?

CEAP is in need of snow blowers for its Senior Chores Program. \$15 per hour. Must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, or questions, please call Diane at 763-450-3667. There is a flyer posted in the back hall display case.

Teen Challenge Christmas Concerts

MN Teen Challenge, featuring Mac Powell, at Grace Church in Eden Prairie on Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Tickets \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door (if available). Limited VIP tickets \$20.

Need a Christmas Gift?

Church cookbooks are available for \$10. Stop by the Information Desk.



CARE MINISTRIES

Parish Nurse, Judy Petersen
Ext. 30, jpetersen@bpefc.org

Deliver Gifts

Joni and Friends has again provided us with gifts this year for those in our congregation who deal with chronic illness, being shut in, and other health issues. Please help us deliver these gifts. They will be ready TODAY for you to pick up and deliver at your convenience.

Remembrance Service

Please join us for a time of remembering our loved ones and friends who have gone on before us . . . to find peace, comfort, and encouragement from God's Word, and sharing with others who have walked this same path. The service will be TONIGHT at 6:00 PM.

Can You Help?

A family needs a queen boxspring and mattress. If you are able to fulfill this need, please call Judy Petersen.

Don't Miss a Word

Assisted hearing devices are available for you to use during the Worship Services. They can be checked out from the Information Desk.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Pastor David Durey, Ext. 13
Barbara Sweany, Leader

New Mom's Group

Moms of kids ages birth—high school are invited for a time of fellowship, a short devotional, and connecting with other moms. Join us on Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 PM, in Room 108/109. Nursery is available for \$3 per child. If you have questions, contact Holly Jenson at 763-424-7677 or hollyjenson@gmail.com.



YOUNG ADULTS

(Ages 18–20-Somethings)
Pastor Josh Major, Ext. 14

20–30 Somethings ABF

Join us Sundays from 9:00–10:15 AM in Room 112/113. Enjoy breakfast, fellowship, prayer and a study before the 10:30 AM Celebration Service. (Focus: Parenting)



LIVING PROOF
Student Ministries Pastor
Nate Miller, Ext. 15



**MISSIONARIES
OF THE WEEK**

Dave & JoAnne Harthan (TEAM)

Weekly Events

Living Proof—Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room
Small Groups—Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Youth Room

Upcoming Special Event

12/5 Operation Christmas Child: 5:00—9:30 PM.
Bring a bag dinner. Waivers are available in the Youth Room or on-line.
12/14 Christmas Party: 6:30—8:00 PM
1/13-14 All Youth Lock-In: 9:00 PM—7:00 AM

Challenge 2012: July 1—6

Sign-up is now open. There are 12 spots available for students Grades 9–12. Hold your spot with a \$50 deposit, due January 1, 2012.

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

Praise God:

- Dave leads TEAM's Timothy Network, which is a volunteer pastoral care ministry. Praise God that two new couples have been recruited to minister to TEAM's missionaries in Mexico and the Asian minority ministry area.
- Our son Dan has been having some very significant life struggles over the last years. Praise God that in the last two months he has taken some very important steps toward healing and growth. Please keep praying for him.
- We had a very good Explore Workshop in Tulsa, Oklahoma—all the participants came seriously seeking God's will for them concerning missionary service. The sharing was deep and meaningful.

Pray For:

- An upcoming Explore Workshop, which will be held in St. Louis over the New Year's weekend. Pray for the participants as they spend three days seeking God's path for them into missionary service.
- Dave as he leads a restoration team for one of TEAM's missionaries who is experiencing some significant relational difficulties. The team has made a good beginning and the attitude of the missionary has been very positive. This will be a year-long restoration process.
- JoAnne's health. After more than 28 years of illness, we finally received a diagnosis for what she has been suffering. Pray that her doctors will be able to better address her physical needs.



Pastor Leane Gondek, Ext. 27
Leanne Klein,
Assistant Director, Ext. 38

Awana Themes:

December 7 — Occupation Night
December 14 — Red & Green Night (Uniforms don't count!)
December 21 & 28 — No Awana, Christmas Break

Upward Sports Basketball is Almost Here!

We are in need of people to fill the following roles: Coaches, Referees, Half-time Captains, Host Families, Greeters and people to work the concession stand. We'll provide training in December for each of these roles. Practices begin in January and the first game is January 28. (The program runs through the end of March.) Come be a part of an amazing opportunity to share Jesus! See the Route 252 Kiosk for detailed descriptions of these roles. Questions? Talk with Richard Woods regarding the coach and referee positions, and Leane Gondek for the Half-time Captains, Host Families and Greeter positions.

Scholarship Update

We are so thankful to those of you who have given scholarships for Upward Sports! It has been a privilege to offer scholarships to families who wouldn't normally be able to send their kids to this program because of cost. We will continue to accept scholarships (\$55) because we'll be able to accept registrations through January. Questions? Talk with Leane Gondek.



**ADULT BIBLE
FELLOWSHIPS**

20—30 Somethings: Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 112/113.
Fall Topic: *Parent Connect*.

Mosaic: Singles/Marrieds, All Ages. Meets at 9:00 AM, Room 108/109.

Salt: Parents of pre-teens through young adults. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 114.

In-Betweeners: Singles/Marrieds, 55+. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 112/113.

Prime Timers: Singles/Marrieds, 70+. Meets at 10:30 AM, Room 108/109.