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## Center Church Weekly E-Blurb

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August 21, 2022 Edition



# **Prayers this week**

Karen Cooper is asking for prayers for my friend Merle Reeseman. She's been dealing with PH (Pulmonary Hypertension) for 20 years and it's taken a toll. Her body is tired. She's in Trinity in Grove City.

Prayers for Becky Arblaster, Julie Powell's neighbor, for her continued cancer treatments.

Please keep in your prayers Ed Ford.

Mack Porter is asking for prayers for his sister, Leslie. Her health has deteriorated and the family will have to make some difficult decisions going forward for her. Please keep Leslie and her family in your prayers.

Benjamin Irwin who was a student and was coming to church a few years ago is fighting cancer now and could use a lot of prayers as he goes through radiation every day.

Lara Mumaw is asking prayers for my friend's brother Earnie Zilka. Here is the update on Earnie, he had several jaw surgeries to fix his broken jaw from his track accident and is doing well.

Laura Mumaw is also asking prayers for a dear friend of our family, Donna Spinnazola. Here is the update for Donna, the cancer has spread throughout her liver and kidney, and doctors have taken her off of chemotherapy as it is no longer helping. Pray for peace for Donna and her family.

Ramona Marks is asking for continued prayers for her sister, Darla Lyda she is back home but is still having health issues.

Ben Sperry (John and Jody's nephew) he is now waiting for the result of the bone marrow testing for transplanting. Please pray that will all be successful.

Ed Ford is now back in Butler Hospital with a bladder infection. Please keep him and Karen in your prayers.

Please keep Denise Brydon in your prayers she is at home with several home services and will be starting cardiac therapy in about a week and a half.

Please keep Edna Mae and the Tissue family in prayers. John Tissue went to be with his Lord this past weekend.

Please remember to update your prayers as needed. We would like to keep everyone up to date on the status.

#### If you are unable to join us in person for either service, please take advantage of YouTube viewing.



#### July Stats 2022

Families	100	Total Family Members					
Adults	71	Children	39	Seniors	72	<b>New Families</b>	13
Slippery Rock Boro		24	Slippery Rock Area		63	Harrisville Area	12
Out/Area Emergency/New 1 Family							

Wish List: Paper Towels

Thank you to one and all for your generous support. We could not help our friends and neighbors without you. If you know someone who is in need of our help, please give them our contact number. *Contact number: 724-421-5274* 



If you are in need of a something please reach out to the church and we may be able to accommodate you with your needs.



Please Note: There will be **NO** After Church Coffees during June, July, & August. We will bring them back in September. In the meantime, stay tuned for some monthly special activities being planned by the Fellowship Committee! Good times in store!

#### Cookbooks are still available

We still have a few cookbooks left. The cost is still \$10.00 each. Remember they make great gifts. Linda will have them available after church or you may contact Linda by calling 724-421-6863 to purchase one. Or stop in the office to pick one up.



# Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange



We know there are some jigsaw puzzlers among our congregation! There are also some shut-ins that enjoy a new puzzle challenge. Here is an opportunity to expand your puzzle opportunities and also provide puzzles for others.

The bottom shelf of the "Book Nook is going to be a jigsaw puzzle exchange. Contribute some puzzles that you have already completed and/or borrow one from the shelf that you have not

yet completed. Should the contributions to the jigsaw puzzle shelf become full, a separate area will be provided to accommodate the puzzle supply.



**Buck a Bag** 

Let's get this going and see how it works!

As you enter and leave the sanctuary, be sure to check on the table near the door for important information. The table has offering envelopes, the offering plate, prayer request cards, and the bulletin for the weekly service.



It's that time again.

Yes, Buck a Bag is on. Scheduled for August 18 and 19. Thursday will be set up time, beginning about 11:30 am, sale Thursday 4-7 pm and Friday 9-3. Clothing can be brought in starting next week. The stage is open.

Please wait until after 11:15 to drop off on Mon, Tues, or Thursday due to the Silver Sneakers exercise classes being held.

As usual we are especially in need of children's clothing, all sizes. Sign-up sheet for volunteers to set up, handle sales and cleanup will be posted on the office door next week (last week of July).

## August 21, 2022

## Pastor Bill's Weekly Message

After Church Conversations

As you know, I stand at one of the two doorways after church. Many people come through the line that forms, and say hello.

Others chat with folks standing next to them, or talk with someone else they would like to visit with.

(Please remember to say hello to any visitors or new faces that have worshipped with us, as well!)

I realize that some folks may not get a chance to talk with me.

Here is why.

Because our church has meetings after worship on most Sundays, it is hard for me to stay and greet everyone after the service.

My time after church is therefore limited.

Once our coffee hour returns on Sept  $11^{th}$ , it becomes even more rushed for me, as I rarely even get a chance to come downstairs!

My point in all of this is that I am sorry if I miss you after church. I would love to be able to shake everyone's hand and have a quick moment to say hello.

This is especially true from your end, if you wanted to say something important to me.

With that being said, the time we have after worship is not the best time to have an important conversation.

As you all know, I am a very accessible Pastor, serving in our modern times, with many ways to get a hold of me.

I am asking you to call me, email me, and even text me with a need or concern.

If it's an important conversation, I most likely will want to schedule a visit or phone call.

However, I need you to be proactive and contact me as well.

finally, always leave a message if you use a phone call as your method of contact.

I want you to be able to share important news and comments with me.

After church, in a rushed sequence, with limited time, just may not be the best option.

Below is our ENTIRE bulletin for Aug. 21<sup>th</sup>!

God bless you, and see you in church or online.

Rev. William C. Mumaw II

### Prelude:

### Welcome and Announcements

### Praise Sentences (Psalm 19)

- L: The heavens are telling the glory of God
- P: May our worship reflect God's glory.
- L: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

### P: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Opening Hymn – #29 Wonderful Words of Life <u>"Hymns for the Family of God"</u>

## **Opening Prayer – Unison**

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find the solid thing that will center us again. Forgive us for our sins and help us to realign our lives with You. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness that we will bear His love and truth to the world. May we humbly seek You in thought, word and deed.

### Pastor's Amen

**Church Song of Response** 

### Time with Children

### Scripture Isaiah 58:9-14

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, <sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. <sup>13</sup> "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the

Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, <sup>14</sup> then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

### **Special Music**

### Scripture Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. <sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." <sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

### <u>Message</u>

Reflection Hymn - #628 He Touched Me "Hymns for the Family of God"

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

<u>Closing Hymn</u> - **#87 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** "Hymns for the Family of God"

#### **Blessing**

Benediction Response Alleluia

Postlude:



# Calvin

This week, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> during church, Pastor Bill will be doing a "**Blessing of the Backpacks**".

We have done this before, and it only involves children bringing the backpack they plan on using for the upcoming school year, to church!

Pastor Bill wants all children to bring their school backpack to the church, and then down front during the "Time with Children".

Then he will "Bless" the backpacks and pray for a fun, safe and great schoolyear for all the kids!

The kids can remember this, with a special tag given to be placed on their backpacks.

If you know of a child that could join us, please invite them to church!

ANY CHILD IS WELCOME!

Hey, what about mice?





There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board when you come in the door by the elevator for the upcoming golf outing September 17<sup>th</sup>. One is for the golf and the other is the dinner (picnic) after. The food will be supplied and the cost is \$7.00 per person kids under 8 eat free. If you would like to come for the meal only please sign the sheet for the meal. You can sign up as a team of 4 and if you do not have 4 people just sign up on the single list and we will place you with a team. Hope that you can come to this event. If you don't want to golf you can still come for the dinner.