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Center Church Weekly E-Blurb

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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 just had chemo and was doing really well with the treatment. He is expected to receive new bone marrow in October. He scratched his head on the car and is now infected. So, he is now back in the hospital and on antibiotics. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

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	New Families	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.



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.

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Pastor Bill's Weekly Message

As Pastor of this church, I am often a part of the major decisions that we make about things from finances, and even the care of our building.

We have a wonderful "Board of Trustees" that I meet with each month.

The meetings are lively and there is feedback and discussion about how to make wise and fiscally responsible decisions.

Throughout the years, we have added screens to the sanctuary, audio/video capabilities, our YouTube service, a back-up Generator, a new security plan with Ring Technology, and even a new portico entrance with a cross for the community to see.

These are only some of the highlights of the important work of the Trustees.

This being said, I am happy to share more exciting news with you.

If you heard me mention it during worship on Aug, 21, then you are already aware of what I am leading into.

The Trustees recently approved the installation of air conditioning in both our sanctuary and social hall.

This has been talked about for many years, but the time finally arrived to make the decision.

As Pastor, I was vocal about being in favor of this during our discussions. This is a great thing for our church!

The advanced technology of our current time, will make this decision even more useful.

The units in our sanctuary will be elevated on the sanctuary walls, provide less noise than expected, and as an added bonus, they will also even be able to provide heat when needed.

This will even reduce some of the use from our boiler.

As a church family, please join me with appreciation and thanks for yet again, the vision and work of our Trustees.

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

Rev. William C. Mamaw II

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Sentences (Psalm 19)

- L: We gather to worship together.
- P: We are people of different people, different lives, and different histories.
- L: Yet, we are all disciples of one Teacher,
- P: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.
- L: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears.
- P: yet we are one people, with one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
- L: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Opening Hymn – #322 When Morning Guilds the Skies – All 5 Verses!

"Hymns for the Family of God"

Opening Prayer – Unison

Living and Active Lord, You have called us to walk humbly before You and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call. Today, we come before You asking Your Spirit to empower us to be agents of transformation for the world. Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed can find the living waters of God, who calls us to live a life of service, of humility, and of reconciliation with You, with creation, and with the world. Forgive us for our sins and help us to realign our lives with You. May we humbly seek You in thought, word and deed.

Pastor's Amen

Church Song of Response

Time with Children

Scripture Hebrews 13:1-8

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. ⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Special Music

Scripture Luke 14:7-14

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a

luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

<u>Message</u>

Reflection Hymn #591 Just a Closer Walk with Thee "Hymns for the Family of God"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn - #476 More Love To Thee, O Christ

"Hymns for the Family of God"

BlessingBenediction ResponseAlleluiaPostlude:



Calvin

This time of year is great for pond fishing. Bluegills, sunfish, and even bass can be caught with a worm on a hook.

I don't know how many people realize this, but Pastor Bill like to fish.

This all makes me think of a story about a pond.

Please read it and reflect on how it relates to your life.

Imagine that you are out in the middle of a pond and there are two rowboats and you are standing with one foot in each boat. One boat, however, is filled with holes and is sinking fast. It is obvious that unless you do something you will soon be in the water. The boat with the holes represents ourselves with all of the leaks caused by sin. The boat without holes represents Christ. It should be obvious that with one foot in each boat we shall end up in the same place that we would have ended up in had we had both feet in the boat marked "self." The only safe place to be is to have both feet firmly planted in the boat marked Christ.

Where are your feet located?



Quarts of Soup and Rummage Sale



Saturday, November 5, 2022 7:30 AM—1:00 PM Center Presbyterian Church 211 Center Street Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Save you items for the Rummage Sale. More information to come in the E-Blurb as to when you can drop off your items.



There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board downstairs when you come in the door by the elevator for the upcoming golf outing September 17th. 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. The cost of golfing is \$25.00. Hope that you can come to this event. If you don't want to golf you can still come for the dinner.