Center Presbyterian Church 211 Center St. Slippery Rock, PA 16057

# Center Church Weekly E-Blurb

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November 13, 2022 Edition



# **Prayers this week**

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

Ed Ford is now back home and please continue to pray for him.

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.

Please keep Denise Brydon in your prayers she is still recovering at home.

Please keep Mike and Sandy Montgomery's neighbor, Bev in your prayers.

Please keep Mary Decker's great grand baby in your prayers at this week's doctor appointment the sonogram showed positive improvements.

Robyn Gregg's daughter, Lindsay is having some health issues and is asking for continued prayers.

Mary Hines Formeck is asking for prayers for her brother, Ed Hines as he recovers from a pelvic fracture.

Bill Mills is asking for prayers for his great-grandson, Liam is in Cleveland Clinic with a head infection.

Jody Sperry is asking for continued prayers for Ben on his continued fight against his leukemia as his white has improved.

Please keep Dean, the father of one of Heather Runtas' cheerleaders in your prayers. He is battling multiple brain tumors and is now going to Hospice. They don't expect him to have much time left. This has been really hard on the family. Please keep them in your prayers as well. God Bless.

John and Jody Sperry's daughter in laws brother, Kevin was diagnosed with colon cancer this week. He is now receiving chemo for his cancer.

# New This Week Prayers

Carol Lambert is asking for prayers for Don Downing, he used to be a principle at Slippery Rock and Moraine Elementary schools, he is having severe heart problems and has been in the hospital for the past 3 weeks.

Paula Thompson Green is asking for prayers for the family and friends of Alice Stauffer, who was a teacher at Slippery Rock school and at Slippery Rock University. She went to be with her Lord. She was 82.

Ronnie Mercuri (Sunita's son-n-law, Jon's, father) went to be with his Lord on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep Jon and the family in your prayers. Jon and his dad were very close.

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



October Stats 2022

Families	101	Total Far	nily Mer	mbers 175			
Adults	76	Children	23	Seniors	74	<b>New Families</b>	13
Slippery Rock Boro		33	Slippery Rock Area		56	Harrisville Area	12
Out/Area Emergency/New Family 0							

Wish List: Sugar, Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce

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.

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#### Pastor Bill's Weekly Message

As we get closer to Thanksgiving, we are singing hymns related to this Holiday.

The following devotion comes from "Our Daily Bread" Devotional.

It was written over 20 years ago about the hymn called: "Now Thank We All Our God". We will sing this hymn in church on Sunday, and now you can know the background!

"It was the worst of times. In the first half of the seventeenth century, Germany was in the midst of wars and famine and pestilence. In the city of Eilenburg lived a pastor by the name of Martin Rinkart.

During one especially oppressive period, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day as a plague swept through the town and as the Thirty Years' War wreaked its own terror on the people. Among those whom Rinkart buried were members of his own family.

Yet during those years of darkness and despair, when death and destruction greeted each new day, Pastor Rinkart wrote 66 sacred songs and hymns. Among them was the song "Now Thank We All Our God." As sorrow crouched all around him, Rinkart wrote:

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

Rínkart demonstrated a valuable lesson for us all: Thankfulness does not have to wait for prosperity and peace. It's always a good time to praise God for the "wondrous things" He has done.

-Our Daily Bread, October 12, 1998"

May we all be inspired to be more thankful! Below is our ENTIRE bulletin for Nov 13th.

Rev. William C. Mumaw II

**Prelude:** We Gather Together Franklin Ritter

#### Welcome and Announcements

Introit Praise the Lord, For He is Good

#### Praise Sentences (Based on Luke 19)

- L: This *is* the day the Lord has made;
- P: We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- L: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
- P: let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.
- L: The Lord is a great God;
- P: He made the heavens and earth.
- L: Come, let us worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

## Prayer for Veterans Day- Pastor Bill

**Opening Hymn - #564 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies** Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

#### Opening Prayer – Unison

All Knowing God, forgive us for the things we have done, and not done. Forgive us for the things we have said, and not said. Forgive us for the life we have lived, and not lived. Help us to reflect the image of the one we proclaim to follow, in thought, word, and deed. Lord, help us to rediscover ourselves, and live as the people we were created to be.

#### (Brief Moment of Silent Confession)

Pastor's Amen

**Church Song of Response** 

Time with Children

## Scripture 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

**12** Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There

are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

# Choir Anthem

# Scripture Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. <sup>2</sup> The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; <sup>5</sup> make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, <sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King. <sup>7</sup> Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; <sup>9</sup> let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## <u>Message</u>

Reflection Hymn – #555 Now Thank We All our God - Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – #554 Let All Things Now Living Presbyterian Blue Hymnal Blessing

Benediction ResponseMake Me a ServantPostlude:Festival VoluntaryJeremiah Clarke



# Calvin

I already put up my Christmas wreath on my door!

Does that seem strange?

Well, I am taking advantage of the warmer weather.

Also, the Holiday Season will be here in a few weeks.

That reminds me, have you heard about Pastor Bill's

Sermon Series for Advent 2022?

It is called "Flames for the Faithful" and he will be using the Advent Wreath.

Each week, he will be looking at a theme from the "traditional names" of the candles on the Advent wreath.

Here is the calendar of events:

- Nov. 27 Prophecy Candle
- Dec. 4 Bethlehem Candle
- Dec. 11 Shepherds Candle
- Dec. 18 Angels Candle

I hope you can all join us in worship during Advent!

BYE!

Deacons are looking for knitters and crocheters, any skill level. Patterns, yarn and needles/hooks can be provided if necessary. Basically, it involves making 2 small rectangles (9-10 inches to wrap round X 7-9 inches long) which will then be sewn up the side for mitts or a long skinny (15 inches X 36 inches or so) piece which will be partially sewed to form a shrug.

We need 6 shrugs (all for women) and about 16 pairs of gloves (men and women).

Please feel free to contact Susan Chapin <u>swimfinn@zoominternet.net</u> or 724-794-5942 for more information.





**Operation Christmas Child** 

Pick up information in the Fellowship Hall and

return boxes to the same place.

Please return boxes by November 14, 2022.

It is Poinsettia time again!!!! The Deacons have once again decided to decorate the Church with Poinsettias. This year will offer an 8-inch pot with 3 stems. Colors selection in great again and we are offering your choice. Orders need to be placed by



November 27th, pick up will be after service December 25th. The cost is \$20. Signup sheet will be on office door. Check made to church with notation of Poinsettia. Thank you in advance. Example of colors below: Marble, Iced Punch, Jingle Bell and Burgundy.



We invite you to take a turn as Worship Leader. This position has an important place in the worship service. It was initiated in October 1992 after John Peterson had to sadly announce to the congregation that Nancy had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Session and Deacons determined that the best response was for members to take over part of the service to assist John, and the Worship Leader was born. For the past 30 years this has been an integral part of the service and has proved invaluable when we have had guest preachers.

The only requirements are a clear speaking voice and the willingness to stand up in front of the congregation. You will be provided with a copy of the responses, Scripture and an opening statement for your chosen week.

Please consider volunteering for one Sunday this upcoming year. The view from the Lectern is great, the choir provides back up and the chairs are cushioned.

Sign-up sheets are on the Bulletin Board by the elevator.



# Center Presbyterian Church Music Ministry Program

This is a special invitation to anyone interested in music. Our choirs, orchestra, and handbells are preparing to return to the Sunday morning worship services this month and we would love to have you join us. Below is some important information and who to see about getting all the details for each group. **Come be part of the music!** 

All of our music groups run from September through May.

Adult Choir sings weekly for the Sunday morning worship service. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, beginning on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. The choir will begin singing for the 10:30am services on Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

Children's Choir practices each Sunday at 9:45am upstairs beginning Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. They will sing for the morning worship service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

Handbells play for the Sunday morning worship service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. They rehearse weekly on Sunday morning, typically right after the worship service. However, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, they rehearse before service.

**Contact David Mruk** for details about the Adult & Children's Choirs and Handbells. <u>stripe@zoominternet.net</u> Phone: 412-445-3909

**Orchestra** meets **once each month on the 4**<sup>th</sup> **Sunday**. That morning they **rehearse at 9:00am**, then play that same morning for the **10:30am worship service**.

Contact LaDonna Linamen for details about the Orchestra <u>llinamen@zoominternet.net</u> Home Phone: 724-406-0345 Cell/Text Phone: 724-679-3988

When calling or emailing either David or LaDonna, please be sure to leave your name, phone#, & message about what music group(s) you are interested in. They will contact you.



Ring, Ring, it's time again to ring the bell for the Salvation Army once again on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the elevator. Please pick a time and ring the bell.