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Center Church Weekly E-Blurb

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November 20, 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.

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.

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 3rd. Please keep Jon and the family in your prayers. Jon and his dad were very close.

New This Week Prayers

Julie Powell's friend, Rita's, leukemia is back, and she will be going through stem cell replacement surgery later this month and then will be hospitalized and isolated for a while afterwards. Please pray for her surgery to be successful and her spirits to remain positive.

Julie Powell's brother, Jim, just had another surgery to remove a diabetes-related infection in his foot. He will be in a rehab hospital for the next six weeks. Prayers were already answered that he didn't lose his foot, but continued prayers are needed for his recovery and for his spirits to remain positive.

Mary Decker's great-grandson was born and is doing really well. Please keep them in your prayers as he was born pre-mature and has a lot of care ahead of him.

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 Family Members 175 | | | | | |
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| Adults | 76 | Children | 23 | Seniors | 74 | New Families | 13 |
| Slippery Rock Boro | | 33 | Slippery Rock Area | | 56 | Harrisville Area | 12 |
| Out/Area Emer | raencv | 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

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Pastor Bill's Weekly Message

We have been talking about the theme of "Being Thankful" during the month of November.

Of course, this theme relates directly to the coming holiday of "Thanksgiving", but also the Biblical calling to all Christians about being thankful for our Lord God, and all that He does.

Have you heard this story?

The Butterball Turkey Company set up a telephone hotline to answer consumer questions about preparing turkeys. One woman called to inquire about cooking a turkey that had been in the bottom of her freezer for 23 years. The Butterball representative told her the turkey would probably be safe to eat if the freezer had been kept below zero for the entire 23 years. But the Butterball representative warned her that even if the turkey was safe to eat, the flavor would probably have deteriorated to such a degree that she would not recommend eating it.

The caller replied, "That's what I thought. We'll give the turkey to our church."

Hopefully, you understand how important it is to give your "best" to God and the church!

Your presence in worship, your attention and response during the service, your involvement in helping or serving, your financial support, your positive attitude, your kindness, your patience and your gratitude are all so important to a healthy relationship with your church and your Lord God!

Perhaps the following story best speaks about how gratitude is important for a relationship with a church and our Lord God who provides all that we have and have shared in the past.

A little boy was asked to pray for dinner. Before he bowed his head to pray, he looked at the dish. Then, closing his eyes he prayed, "Lord, I don't like the looks of it, but I'll thank you and eat it anyway.

Maybe we don't like every little thing about our church, but I hope we all like enough to know how special our church is.

Our gratitude and thankfulness are always important.

Below is our ENTIRE bulletin for Nov. 20.

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

Rev. William C. Mamaw 11

<u>Prelude:</u> Bells Now Thank We All Our God Jason Krug

Welcome and Announcements

<u>Introit</u> Praise the Lord, For He is Good

Praise Sentences (Based on Luke 19)

- L: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
- P: We will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.
- L: We will be gland and exult in You;
- P: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- L: May all that we do bring honor and glory to Your name.

Opening Hymn - #551 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Opening Prayer - Unison

Patient and Loving Lord, we realize that we are rushing headlong into the holiday season. Forgive us when we treat the coming "holidays" as work and a burden, and when we load ourselves down with tasks and complaints that do not enhance these days. Help us move past the busyness and into "the attitude of gratitude" we should display for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we are not "thankful" in our faith. We thank You for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives—with Your love, Your Word, family, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others--that they may come to know You by our thankfulness!

(Brief Moment of Silent Confession)

Pastor's Amen

Church Song of Response

Time with Children

Scripture Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Choir Anthem Thank You, Lord Don Besig

Scripture Colossians 3: 15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

<u>Message</u>

Reflection Hymn #560 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – #559 "We Gather Together" Presbyte

Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Benediction Response Make Me a Servant

Postlude: Nun



Calvin

Pastor Bill talked with the 10 children on Sunday about the beautiful stained-glass windows in our sanctuary.

I want to share more information about them with you.

The company we purchased them from is called: "Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios".

This company is now in the 3rd generation of the "Weaver Family"

This company was established in 1909.

Our windows were purchased on June 10th, 1949.

That makes them 73 years old!

At the base of the windows is the name of the person or family that dedicated them to the church.

You may recognize some of the last names.

in the back of the sanctuary, we find the large one called the "Christ Figure".

The Emblems associated with this are "Hand of God", "Holy Ghost", and one called "I.H.C".

On the sides of the sanctuary the Emblems are:

"Star of Bethlehem", "Scroll" with font, "Descending Dove", "Lamp on Book", "Pitcher and Basin", "Cup, Wheat, Grapes", "Cup, Crown of Thorns", "Cross and Crown", "Rising Sun", "Crown and Palms".

When you look at each of these, you can also see several other details and colors.

Take a closer look in our sanctuary next time.

Which ones from the list can you identify?

BYE!

For Advent our theme is "Flames for the Faithful"

Here is the calendar of events:

Nov. 27 Prophecy Candle

Dec. 4 Bethlehem Candle

Dec. 11 Shepherds Candle

Dec. 18 Angels Candle

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 swimfinn@zoominternet.net or 724-794-5942 for more information.



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. Sign-up 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.











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 7th. The choir will begin singing for the 10:30am services on Sunday, Sept 11th.

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

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

Contact David Mruk for details about the Adult & Children's Choirs and Handbells.

stripe@zoominternet.net Phone: 412-445-3909

Orchestra meets once each month on the 4th 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 llinamen@zoominternet.net

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 26th. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the elevator. Please pick a time and ring the bell.

















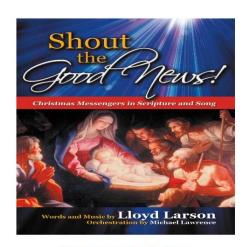












Just in case you missed the talents and gifts luncheon

Presented by ACTS Choir and Orchestra

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church
Butler, Pa.

PERFORMANCE TIME 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 11, 2022
Center Presbyterian Church
Slippery Rock, Pa.
PERFORMANCE TIME 3:00 p.m.

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