

November 26, 2023 Edition



Prayers this week

Please continue to pray for Mike Formeck's cousin, Arlene, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Mary Jane Snyder in hospice at Autumn Grove. She'd love a card! Please keep her in your prayers.

Julie Powell is asking for prayers for her brother, Jim Mahan who continues to recover and needs your prayers.

Martie and Phil are asking for prayers for one of Phil's co-workers who suffered a stroke over the weekend. He was not able to get treatment right away so keep him, his family and the doctors and the nurses in your prayers.

Martie and Phil are asking for prayers for a friend from the former West Liberty U.P. Who is having health problems and needs prayer.

Sandy Montgomery updated Maggie's progress; she had an MRI in October and her tumor is shrinking. No treatment is needed at this time. She will have regular testing going forward.

Sandy Montgomery updated us in the progress of Drew their cousin. He was accepted in the trial treatment and the last test showed the tumor shrinking.

Please keep the Klink family in your prayers. They are friends from John and Jody Sperry's old church and their 2-year-old grandson died unexpectedly last week. His father could not wake him from his nap.

Remember to keep these people in your prayers:

Jannie Budd
Shirley Cook
Denise Brydon
Nancy Harris
Joann Orr (Bill Elliott's sister)
Mary Jane Snyder
Mary Decker's great-grandson
Edna Mae Tissue
John Sperry's nephew, Ben
Robyn Gregg's daughter, Lyndsey
Mason Martin (KC Football player)
Ramona Marks
Pam Uber
Bill Mills
Mason Martin (the Karns City football player)

New This Week Prayers

Ramona had her surgery and it went well. The doctor was pleased with the outcome. She is now back home recovering.

Please pray for the Zattolla family (a friend of Lyla Runtas from softball) her grandfather went to be with the Lord.

Bonnie Renick's friend Michelle Sauer was taken to the hospital by ambulance on Sunday with a stroke and after some testing it was discovered that she also has a mass on her pancreas. She is only 58 years old. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

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

Pastor Bill's Message Sunday, November 26, 2023

This week, I will be discussing Luke 1, during worship.

Luke's gospel begins with the story of Jesus coming to earth, and the events surrounding it.

This week sets the tone for what is coming next.

In two weeks on Sunday Dec. 3rd, the season of Advent begins.

As I do each and every year during Advent, I will lead a series in the pulpit for my "Message".

This year's series is called **"The Light of Grace"**.

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the hymn "Amazing Grace", we will be looking at how the **"light of grace"** comes to meet us at Christmas in Emmanuel, "God with us".

Here is the plan for my **"Message"** for this December, and Advent 2023.

"The Light of Hope" – Zechariah, Dec. 3

"The Light of Peace" – Isaiah, Dec. 10

"The Light of Joy" – Elizabeth, Dec. 17

"The Light of Love" – Mary, Dec. 24

Also, Advent Daily Devotionals are now available in their usual spots by the sanctuary windows.

We will be reading devotionals, ironically called, "The Light of Grace" by Michael Hay.

There is also an Advent daily/weekly scripture guide, this year too.

So, our devotions are two-part this year!

You will be seeing more news about Advent in future EBLURBS.

God bless you and see you in church!

Rev. William C. Mumaw //

November 26, 2023

Prelude *Orchestra Sanctuary (w/Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Arr. Stan Pethel*

Introit *Praise to the Lord, Almighty*

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Sentences

L: Those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

P: Lord, we wait patiently in Your presence

L: Those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

P: God gives power to the faint, and strength to those without power.

L: Lift us up!

P: Make us strong!

L: People of God, trust in the Lord, and be strengthened!

Opening Hymn – #394 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” “Hymns For the Family of God”

Opening Prayer – (Unison)

You, God, are our one and only King. Forgive us for the other “Gods” that we kneel before:

money...

control...

our expectations...

gossip...

self righteousness...

privilege...

We ask Your forgiveness, because we are broken and torn apart, by our own doings, and un-doings. Guide us to be new and better servants. Lead us to trust in You, as the only God we need. Please guide our faith by Your sovereign teachings, as we strive to follow Your Son, through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Pastor’s Amen

Church Song of Response *Gloria Patri #142 Hymns for the Family of God*

Time with Children *Jesus Loves Me*

Reflection Hymn #400 “Have Thine Own Way” “Hymns For the Family of God”

Scripture Luke 1:5-20

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. ⁸ Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." ¹⁹ The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

Message

Choir Anthem Our Hope Arises Arr. Mary McDonald

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering Sentence

Offering Music Orchestra Let All Things Now Living Arr. Stan Pethel

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow **#592** "Presbyterian Hymnal"

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn – **#239** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" "Hymns For the Family of God"

Blessing

Benediction Response Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Postlude Postlude in E Flat – Gertrude Richolson



Calvin (The not so famous church mouse)



Soon Advent will be here. At least, that is what I recently heard Pastor Bill telling a church officer in the hallway.

Then I thought, how many people know what Advent is really all about?

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming” or “arrival.”

It is a season of “Preparing” before the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve.

The Advent season is about prayerful reflection and joyful anticipation about the birth of “Emmanuel”- God with us.

The Advent season traditionally begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. The start date changes every year.

It always ends on Christmas Eve (December 24th).

This year, Advent season begins on this coming Sunday, Dec. 3rd

Advent is celebrated by Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Episcopalians, Methodists and Lutherans, all around the world.

One of the more common practices includes the use of a wreath and candles.

The green wreath, like we have in our sanctuary, symbolizes eternal life.

There are 5 Total Advent Candles on our wreath.

Three Purple candles are used for Advent because they represent humility, penance, and reflection— things that we focus on during the Advent season. Purple also represents royalty, a reference to Jesus as King.

The one single rose-pink candle symbolizes joy and stands as a reminder to rejoice in the coming of Jesus.

A white candle is in the middle of the wreath, called “The Christ Candle” and that one is for Christmas Eve!

Often, the Four Candles are named with themes of: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

I hope that helps you all to understand more about Advent!

BYE!





Knotty Ladies

The Knotty Ladies are starting up again after a summer hiatus. If anyone is interested in joining us, we are meeting Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, on the stage, starting Wednesday 9/28/23. We will be making baby quilts for Butler Memorial Hospital to distribute to all new

babies. If you can't join us to tie our quilts, we will accept any finished quilts. BMH said they need to be 36" x 36". We will also accept quilt tops that need to be sandwiched & tied, and donations of batting. Join us for fun and fellowship, the only skill necessary is to be able to tie a square knot!

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Grove City, PA 16127

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We will be collecting donations for this worthwhile mission. Our first family this year has two children; a girl, 8 years old, and a boy, 2 years old. Our second family has a kindergarten boy who is 5. Our goal is to provide outfits, shoes and toys for each. Donations will be collected through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Mumaw. Please be a part of brightening up two struggling local families this Christmas and making a young child's Christmas special.



Blood Drive on December 6th in the Fellowship Hall if your interested in giving blood please sign up on the Red Cross website. Appointments only.

Children's practices will be held after worship service for and play on December 10th and December 17th. Also, on December 17th we will have a decorating the tree and pizza afterwards. So, plan on attending.



Ring the bell on Thursday, December 14th at Giant Eagle.

**Presented by
ACTS Choir and Orchestra**



Saturday, December 9, 2023
Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church
Butler, Pa.

PERFORMANCE TIME 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Center Presbyterian Church
Slippery Rock, Pa.

PERFORMANCE TIME 3:00 p.m.



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**Please Note: the office will be closed on
Thursday, November 23rd and Friday,
November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**Beaver-Butler Presbytery
YOUTH GROUP
BOWLING PARTY**



SUNDAY January 28, 2024
3pm -5pm

Family Bowlaway Fun Center
540 Fairground Hill Rd, Butler, PA 16001

YOU MUST RSVP to Diana to attend the event.

Deadline to RSVP is 1/15/24

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