



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 at home with several home services and will be starting cardiac therapy in about a week and a half.

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.

Prayers for Hazel Allen and her family, her niece Ann West died suddenly and went to be with her Lord this past week.

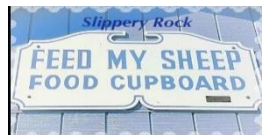
Bill Mills is asking for prayers for his great-grandson, Liam is in Cleveland Clinic with a head infection.

Jody Sperry is asking for continued prayers for Ben and Lisa Sperry as they recover from the bone marrow transplant and Ben on his continued fight against his leukemia.

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.

Phil and I are asking for prayers for Berth Barnhart's family (the wife of one of Phil's bosses) She went to be with her Lord Friday morning from pancreatic cancer

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



September Stats 2022

Families	103	Total Family Members		199			
Adults	90	Children	41	Seniors	68	New Families	12
Slippery Rock Boro	27	Slippery Rock Area		65	Harrisville Area		11
Out/Area Emergency/New Family 0							

Wish List: Four and Sugar

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

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

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.

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.



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.

October 9, 2022

Pastor Bill's Weekly Message

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

— **Lauren DeStefano**, Wither

I love to spend time in nature. This is especially true during Fall.

The colors of the changing leaves, the rhythm of a small brook or stream, and site of running deer are a few of my favorite things about an Autumn walk in the woods.

Sometimes, God surprises me with a rare glimpse of His creation.

Only on a few rare occasions, have I witnessed a porcupine walking along the leaves or trail.

John Ortberg In his book, "Everyone is normal until you get to know them" speaks of this dilemma of getting close to one another without getting hurt.

He talks about an animal that we don't see very frequently, "the North American Porcupine"

Porcupines have about thirty thousand quills attached to his body. The quills are designed to be driven into an enemy and the enemies own body heat causes the quills to expand and become embedded into the body.

An infection comes if the quills are not removed.

If not treated, the enemy can die.

Porcupines travel alone and are often in attack mode!

Except in the fall when porcupines look to mate.

This may appear risky for a porcupine – so here is the dilemma, how does a porcupine get close without getting hurt?

Though the miracle of creation, God has given the porcupine the ability to allow another porcupine to get close enough, so the species will survive.

For a brief, time every autumn porcupines give up the “attack” mode.

Porcupines understand they must get close to one another so they can survive.

Friends, this is the same for each of us!

We need to get close to one another so we can survive.

It is easy to withdraw and seek to be a loner or to attack others when they don’t agree with you or when they disappoint you.

But God’s design for us was for each of us to relate to one another in community known as the church.

We often forget that we are a part of a “Spiritual Family” too.

We have brothers and sisters in Christ, that are a big part of us as well.

How is this article speaking to your life and faith?

Please spend some time in prayer, and remember, the amazing example of the porcupine!

Below is our ENTIRE bulletin for Oct. 16th.

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

Rev. William C. Mumaw //

Prelude: Kristy Thrasher

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Praise the Lord, For He is Good

Praise Sentences

L: From where does our help come?

P: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

L: Who keeps us in our going out and our coming in?

P: The Lord is our keeper.

L: Who is with us always?

P: The Lord Jesus Christ is with us, and for us, in all things.

Opening Hymn #288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” - Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Opening Prayer – Unison

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse, and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways We have ignored your Word. Forgive us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Come to us, with Your abundant grace, and boundless mercy.

Pastor’s Amen

Church Song of Response

Time with Children

Scripture Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob Wrestles With God

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷ The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” ²⁹ Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.” But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.” ³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Choir Anthem He Is There!

Scripture Luke 18:1-8

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

Message

Reflection Hymn - #333 “Seek Ye First” -Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn – #543 “Abide with Me” – Verses 1-4 only. Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Blessing

Benediction Response Make Me a Servant

Postlude: Kristy Thrasher



Calvin



I always get excited when the EBLURB arrives, I like to read through it. It keeps me informed of what is going on in the church.

Sometimes it is tempting to skip over the Bulletin segment. I mean, why do I need to worry about that, since church isn’t until Sunday? Well, it is always a good idea to be familiar with the part that includes the Bulletin. If we look at it ahead of Sunday, we will know the Scripture readings. We also will know which Hymns are coming from what Hymnal. Being more familiar with the Bulletin, helps us especially with the Praise Sentences and Opening Prayer. Sometimes the wording in these segments can be a little different than we are accustomed to. Quite a few of these are copied and pasted from Worship Resources

and Publications, and are not formed in complete sentences and common structure. Reading these silently and speaking the sentences together out loud in church, are very different.

I know that I like to read it at home in my mouse hole before I come to church. That way, I can join in with others, and feel more familiar with the content.

Well, I'm off to look for some crumbs!

BYE!



**Quarts of Soup
and Rummage Sale**

SALE

Saturday, November 5, 2022

7:30 AM—1:00 PM

Center Presbyterian Church

211 Center Street

Slippery Rock, PA 16057



Join us in helping VOICe. We are distributing Bosco's Shopping Passes for in store use only. You receive 25% discount off your purchases on October 19, 2022 (good for this day only). The passes are only a \$5.00 donation. All the money will go to VOICe. SO help us help out VOICe buy making a donation for a BOSCOV's discount shopping pass. See a Mission Committee member or stop in the office for shopping passes.

Worship Leaders Wanted

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 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.