



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.

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 is expected to receive new bone marrow in October. Please continue to keep him 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 Mike and Sandy Montgomery's neighbor, Bev in your prayers.

Please keep Mary Decker's great grand baby in your prayers he is still being monitored by doctors.

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.

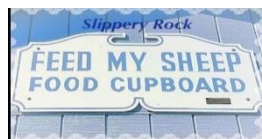
Prayers for Hazel Allen and her family, her niece Ann West died suddenly and went to be with her Lord this past week.

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

Jody Sperry is asking for prayers for Ben and Lisa Sperry Tuesday, October 4th. Ben is receiving a bone marrow transplant to fight leukemia and his sister Lisa is his donor.

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.

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

After his term in office had ended, President Dwight Eisenhower became very sick 1968, he invited Billy to come and visit him, at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

In his autobiography, *Just As I Am*, Billy recounts: "As my scheduled twenty minutes with him extended to thirty, he asked the doctor and nurses to leave us. Propped up on pillows amidst intravenous tubes, he took my hand and looked into my eyes. 'Billy, you've told me how to be sure my sins are forgiven and that I'm going to Heaven. Would you tell me again?' I took out my New Testament and read to him again the familiar Gospel verses, the precious promises of God about eternal life. Then, my hand still in his, I prayed briefly. 'Thank you,' he said. 'I'm ready.'"

When we come to church, we get to hear the wonderful promises and truth about God and His love for all of us.

They get repeated for us, don't they?

Hopefully, we never get tired of hearing about forgiveness of sin, eternal life, and the hope of seeing our loved ones again in heaven.

How great it is that we are reminded, again and again, about how God walks with us each day, teaching us and leading us to be a strong disciples.

Come and join us each week in worship, and we will share more of God's promises again and again.

Below is our complete bulletin for Oct. 9th.

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

Rev. William C. Muraw II

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Praise Sentences

L: O Lord, You have searched me, and You know me.

P: You know when I sit, and when I rise.

L: You perceive my thoughts from afar.

P: You are familiar with all my ways.

L: Before a word is on my tongue,

P: You Lord, know it completely.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful, too lofty.

P: We are in awe of You. All we can do is offer our worship and praise.

Opening Hymn – #476 “O Worship the King, All Glories Above!” -- Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Opening Prayer – Unison

Lord, You are the Creator of all things, and the Giver of life. You have made us in Your image and invited us to be Your children. You are indeed worthy of our praise and worship. Yet, we turn away and worship other gods. We find ourselves at the altar of our careers, our financial security, our self-image, our status. We have worshiped them more than You. We have turned away from being part of Your Kingdom work to satisfy our own agendas. You call us to live for the praise of Christ's glory, but we often seek praise for ourselves instead. Forgive us for these and all of our sins, as we continue to confess in silence...

Pastor's Amen

Church Song of Response

Time with Children

Scripture 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the

elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. ¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Choir Anthem

Scripture Psalm 111

¹ Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. ² Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Message

Reflection Hymn ” - #478 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven – “Presbyterian Blue Hymnal”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” - INSERT

Blessing

Benediction Response Make Me a Servant

Postlude:



Calvin



Some of you commented how you liked my humor.

I decided to continue on with that theme again this week.

A pastor was in the middle of his sermon when he noticed a man had fallen asleep with his head on his wife's shoulder.

"Wake up your husband," Pastor Riley snapped.

The wife smiled and replied, *"You put him to sleep. You wake him up."*

(I am glad nothing like that ever happens at Center PC!)

This got me thinking, does the Bible say anything about laughing?

Well, we hear in Psalm 126:2 *"Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'"*

After God restored Zion, we know that there was a celebration of God's amazing work.

It included laughter and singing!

Then in Ecclesiastes 3:4 we find *"a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,"*

In this passage, King Solomon is telling us that there will be times for laughter in our faith journey.

Friends, it's OK to enjoy life, and laugh, in worship, and in doing the work of the church.

When was the last time, God spoke to you, even in a time of laughter?

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.