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Center Church Weekly E-Blurb

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September 25, 2022 Edition



Prayers this week

Karen Cooper is asking for prayers for my friend Merle Reeseman. She's been dealing with PH (Pulmonary Hypertension) for 20 years and it's taken a toll. Her body is tired. She's in Trinity in Grove City.

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.

Laura Mumaw is also asking prayers for a dear friend of our family, Donna Spinnazola's family. She went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, August 31st.

Please keep Mary Decker's great grand baby in your prayers he is at children's hospital in Philly having tests done.

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

Holly Tissue is asking prayers for Liz Tissue's, friend's step-son, Monty Grace. He suffered a cardiac arrest Thursday. He is only 44 years old.

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

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

If you are unable to join us in person for either service, please take advantage of YouTube viewing.

FEED MY SHEEP FOOD CUPBOARD 2022							
Families	93	Total Family Members 170			81 Families received fresh produce		
Adults	80	Children	29	Seniors	61	New Families	5
Slippery Rock Out/Area Emer		31 /New Family 0		ery Rock Area	50	Harrisville Area	12

Wish List: Chunky soups

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.



It's back. See you after church for some great coffee and fellowship.

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.

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Pastor Bill's Weekly Message

As the Autumn weather rolls in, we know that certain aspects of our lives will appear.

Things like cooler nights, hayrides, corn mazes, extra sweaters, pumpkin "this and that", and even the MLB Baseball playoffs will soon arrive.

Although our Pittsburgh Pirates will not be participating, many baseball fans will be tuning in.

Speaking of baseball, several years ago a commercial aired on television with a black and white clip of Lou Gehrig being honored by the New York Yankees on the last day of play.

Gehrig's career was shortened by ALS, which we now call Lou Gehrig's disease.

This is a debilitating muscle disease that eventually attacks the heart.

Imagine what you would say, in the face of this adversity.

Well, this is what he said: "Today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

That is an amazing response.

Gehrig was a person that counted his blessings, not his problems.

He recognized the love and appreciation of the fans and the opportunities he had been given.

He focused on the good and not the bad.

Counting your blessings does not come easily to all, but God can always help us change.

This Sunday, we will be talking about "Blessings"!

Maybe you too can become a person that counts your blessings, instead of your problems?

Below is our ENTIRE bulletin for Sept. 25th!

God bless you, and see you in church or online. Rev. William C. Mamaw II

Prelude: Orchestra To God Be the Glory Stan Pethel

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Praise the Lord for He is Good Hugh Davies

Praise Sentences

- L: Lord God, in a universe that seems so immense it is easy to feel insignificant as we stand here today.
- P: Yet we know that we are precious in Your sight unique individuals loved and blessed in so many ways.
- L: Bless the singing of Your praise, the reading of Your Word, the prayers that will be heard, and the sharing of our fellowship.
- P: Lord, bless us, as we meet together

<u>Opening Hymn –</u> #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - Presbyterian Blue Hymnal

Opening Prayer – Unison

Eternal and everlasting Lord, help me to begin today in a new way. I have had my yesterdays and some were not so good. What happened yesterday cannot be changed, but I can be changed. God, grant me the courage to sincerely strive to be the person I know I should be, that in so being, I might gain the peace I seek. Help me to live today the way You would have me live, in Your will, and to Your praise and glory. You have always been honest with me, O God. Help me to be as honest with myself, with others and above all, O God, with you.

Pastor's Amen

Church Song of Response

Time with Children "The B-I-B-L-E"

Scripture 1) Deuteronomy 28:1-6

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: ³ You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. ⁴ The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. ⁵ Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. ⁶ You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

Choir Anthem Are You Dressed for the Wedding? Joseph Martin

Scripture 2) Psalm 146 1-5

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. ² I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. ⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. ⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Other Anthem Lord Be Glorified w/ Take My Life and Let It Be Stan Pethel

Scripture 3) Luke 1:39-46

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!

<u>Message</u>

<u>Reflection Hymn</u> INSERT – "May the Lord, Mighty God" - Sing 1 Time!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – #341 Blessed Assurance – "Presbyterian Blue Hymnal"

<u>Blessing</u>

Benediction Response Make Me a Servant

Postlude:

On This Glad Day Chester Nordman



Calvin

. Last night I was searching for some food around Slippery Rock, I found a bag of chips that was left in a yard.

What a surprise as they sure were good.

I felt very blessed at that moment.

Do you count your blessings?

I found a reading for your consideration.

BYE!

Even though I clutch my blankets and groan when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the physical effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedfast.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our table never looks like the pictures in the magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced. Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no work.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.

Source: Unknown

BYE!

Do you happen to know where these DVDs are?

Veggie Tales – Values to Grow By

Veggie Tales – Abe and the Amazing Promise

Veggie Tales – Are You My Neighbor?

Lively Bible lessons for Grades K-3

We are missing them and need to return them to the library at Presbytery.

Quarts of Soup and Rummage 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 Boscov'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. <u>stripe@zoominternet.net</u> 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 <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.

You are Invited



October 2, World Communon Day we are having an International Pot Luck Dinner after church. You pick a favorite dish from you heritage or make one of your favorite dishes and then we will have a flag for you to fill out with the country name and dish name to place in your dish so everyone will know where it is from and the

name of the dish. Join us for this International meal.