

September 4, 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.

Please keep in your prayers Ed Ford.

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.

Laura Mumaw is also asking prayers for a dear friend of our family, Donna Spinnazola. Here is the update for Donna, the cancer has spread throughout her liver and kidney, and doctors have taken her off of chemotherapy as it is no longer helping. Pray for peace for Donna and her family.

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 just had chemo and was doing really well with the treatment. He is expected to receive new bone marrow in October. He scratched his head on the car and is now infected. So, he is now back in the hospital and on antibiotics. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

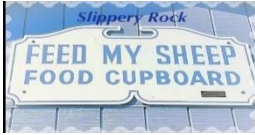
Ed Ford is now back in Butler Hospital with a bladder infection. Please keep him and Karen in your prayers.

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 Edna Mae and the Tissue family in prayers. John Tissue went to be with his Lord this past weekend.

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.



July Stats 2022

Families	100	Total Family Members					
Adults	71	Children	39	Seniors	72	New Families	13
Slippery Rock Boro	24	Slippery Rock Area	63	Harrisville Area	12		
Out/Area Emergency/New 1 Family							

Wish List: Paper Towels

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.



Please Note: **There will be NO After Church Coffees during June, July, & August.** We will bring them back in September. In the meantime, stay tuned for some monthly special activities being planned by the Fellowship Committee! Good times in store!

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.



Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange



We know there are some jigsaw puzzlers among our congregation! There are also some shut-ins that enjoy a new puzzle challenge. Here is an opportunity to expand your puzzle opportunities and also provide puzzles for others.

The bottom shelf of the “Book Nook is going to be a jigsaw puzzle exchange. Contribute some puzzles that you have already completed and/or borrow one from the shelf that you have not yet completed. Should the contributions to the jigsaw puzzle shelf become full, a separate area will be provided to accommodate the puzzle supply.

Let’s get this going and see how it works!



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 many of you know, I love to feed the birds in my backyard. One of the most interesting species is the Blue Jay. For this bird, nothing seems to satisfy them like peanuts in the shell.

Whenever I walk towards the feeders to put in the peanuts and other birdseed selections, the Blue Jays start calling and chirping. They see me coming even before I see them. They share the news of fresh peanuts with others around them.

As soon as I walk away and turn around, there they are, digging into their favorite meal.

The eagerness and excitement of the Blue Jays makes me think about our church.

Each Lord’s Day, we gather to receive something special.

So just how eager and excited are we to come and worship?

No, we don’t give out peanuts, but in the Word of God, Liturgy, Prayers, Music and Fellowship with one another, we are fed a most special “spiritual food”.

Perhaps the next time you see a Blue Jay, you can be reminded of the special food that only comes from Worship.

My hope and prayer, is that each of you, and your family members, will be eager and excited to come and join us in church.

Below is our ENTIRE bulletin for Sept. 4th!

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

Rev. William C. Munaw II

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Praise Sentences

L: From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,

P: gather us, O God.

L: From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,

P: gather us, O God.

L: From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts, gather us, O God.

P: We choose You, and Christ's way.

L: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn – #1 For the Beauty of the Earth- “Hymns for the Family of God”

Opening Prayer – Unison

Holy God, You formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow You in faith.

Pastor's Amen

Church Song of Response

Time with Children

Scripture Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ ³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Special Music

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Message

Reflection Hymn - #434 Jesus is Calling - "Hymns for the Family of God"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn - #659 We've a Story To Tell To the Nations - "Hymns for the Family of God"

Blessing

Benediction Response Alleluia

Postlude:



Calvin



Whenever 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.

Nothing sounds better than when the church reads together with confidence.

Maybe we all could try this too?

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

**Save your items for the Rummage Sale.
More information to come in the E-
Blurb as to when you can drop off your
items.**



There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board downstairs when you come in the door by the elevator for the upcoming golf outing September 17th. One is for the golf and the other is the dinner (picnic) after. The food will be supplied and the cost is \$7.00 per person kids under 8 eat free. If you would like to come for the meal only please sign the sheet for the meal. You can sign up as a team of 4 and if you do not have 4 people just sign up on the single list and we will place you with a team. The cost of golfing is \$25.00. Hope that you can come to this event. If you don't want to golf you can still come for the dinner.

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.