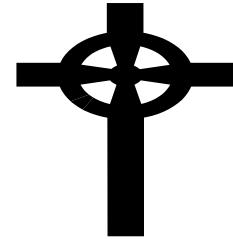
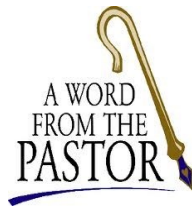


The Fellowship

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
August 2021



Ebensburg

Presbyterian Church
200 N. Center Street
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Mission Statement:

*"Ebensburg Presbyterians are
Christians giving help and hope to all
by sharing God's love."*

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"Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:1-9

I can't believe it's August already and the summer is almost over! I feel that this summer has been shorter, but I guess it's because MarJwok and I traveled to Africa in June. As many of you know, our trip had some glitches from the start when our luggage was unloaded in London because the United airline agent from Pittsburgh airport failed to check it all the way to Ethiopia. We had to stay overnight in London to collect our bags as we couldn't proceed to Ethiopia without our precious belongings. I canceled my trip to South Sudan because I would have had to have added several days traveling from Gambella to Addis Ababa in order to procure the COVID test required to fly to South Sudan.

Also, when we were coming back MarJwok tested positive for Covid, and the airlines wouldn't allow us to board any airplane. We were told we wouldn't be permitted to travel for the next 14 days even if MarJwok tested negative. It was only by God's miracle that we made it home. So, thank you for remembering us in your prayers. Your love, encouragement, and prayers kept us strong in the face of such circumstances.

Despite all the challenges of Covid-19 and some additional man-made issues, we enjoyed our trip. MarJwok got to see her birthplace, met her grandpa and relatives, and made some friends. We did conclude our journey with a big spiritual conference, a cherished reunion with those I've not seen for years since I moved to America. I felt at home and was reminded of my childhood. Gambella was green and the river Openo was beginning to fill up. When I was growing up, late June through late August this river would flood, and our villages and huts would be sitting in water. The rainfall in the high mountains of Ethiopia raise the level of Openo river during this time. Roads would close and only dugout canoes would be used for transportation.

The Openo River, also known as Baro, is the only river in Ethiopia accessible for commercial transportation—transporting goods between Ethiopia and South Sudan in winter. During the time when there were Emperors in the country, when the British occupied Sudan, the British would bring salt and clothes from Sudan and exchanged those commodities with Ethiopian Coffee. Gambella City and Itang served as ports of entry and commercial hubs.

During those incidents when our trip was hindered, Joshua's passage kept coming to my mind..." do not be frightened or dismayed." Well, trust me, it was too much and too hard not to be dismayed. I was frustrated and angry sometimes. However, I was encouraged as MarJwok turned into a counselor. She would console me in my frustrations, and I would do same thing when she got confused about what was taking place. I am sure we all go through some incidents like this and sometimes we lose it and try to get out our own way.



As Moses' leadership ended, the book of Joshua introduced us to Joshua's son of Nun, Moses' assistant. It was a great deal for him. He has been watching Moses, assisting him and in some cases advising him. He remembered the difficult times and the challenges Moses went through with the people of Israel. Now it was his turn to lead the new generation forward. *"Now proceed to cross the Jordan..."* the Lord said. He, indeed, needed some words of encouragement. We can see his feelings; he was filled with questions, because the people had camped in this place for so long wanting to cross over. How to cross over and when, would remain his great question, and he had to lean on God for answers.

One thing the Lord assured Joshua was victory! The Lord also promised his presence with him; yet Joshua was warned but to trust and obey. Trust the Lord and his promises; obey his instructions and the Lord will deliver the land for Joshua and his people. God would fulfil His plan of redemption and the promise of the land flowing with Honey and Milk. Then the children of Israel would thrive in it and worship the Lord Jehovah as their God (Deuteronomy 30:20).

We will be journeying through the book of Joshua in the month of August through fall. We will see how much this book offers to us. Beside the puzzling miracle of a sun standing still and harsh justice pronounced on Achan, the book, reminds us of our constant struggle in our faith journey, the abundant grace of God and the new Jerusalem. We are called to a life-long struggle and how we live our spiritual life victoriously. Though at some points we may be frightened and discouraged by circumstances, the Lord promise us his presence in this journey but requires our trust in His deliverance.

May you continue to enjoy your summer and the Lord be with you!

Pastor Owar



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We have a
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Youth Program**



Youth from our congregation and their friends are encouraged to participate.

Please contact the church for additional information.

Patricia Magley Albright

As many of you might have heard already, our church figure and matriarch of faith, Pat Magley, has left us for her heavenly and everlasting home. Pat has fought the good fight, she has finished the race victoriously; kept the faith as she has been a mentor for many (2 Timothy 4:7). As her obituary reflects, Pat lived a life of love, kindness, and service to others--so colorful!



Albright (Costello) (Magley), Patricia Patricia Jean Costello Magley Albright was born March 11, 1935 in Patton, Pennsylvania. The daughter of Josephine and Ralph Costello, Pat became the first of her family to graduate college, obtaining her Bachelor of Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She settled in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania with Dr. Robert C. Magley and had 4 children, Scott, Karen, Ellen, and Stephen. Pat embarked on a career in emergency medicine, first as an EMT and later as a paramedic running with the Ebensburg Area Ambulance Association. She served as the Pre-hospital Trauma Coordinator and Flight Nurse for Conemaugh Hospital in Johnstown for more than 20 years. Pat was instrumental in raising the quality of pre-hospital trauma care in Central Pennsylvania, serving on the statewide committee to set minimum standards for ambulance services and personnel.

For much of her career, she traveled across the country to disaster locations, offering her expertise, skill, and compassion to those in greatest need. In 2013, Pat married her high school sweetheart, Bill Albright and moved to Jackson, Michigan. She grew to love everything about life in Michigan – beer from her hand-blown mug at Jackson's Poison Frog Brewery with her choir friends, cherries in Traverse City, Petoskey stones from Fishtown, and endless sunsets on Lake Leelanau.

To Pat, a singer, instrumentalist, choir and bell choir director, music was a passion that flowed from her like breath. Music, she felt, connected us all. She infused classical music, from the radio and the baby grand piano in her home, into the lives of her children and grandchildren. A fierce love of family and desire to help those around her fueled Pat's life. She felt deeply the trauma suffered by friends and those she did not know. A constant, pressing responsibility to improve the world propelled her. She was a woman of faith who believed in using her life to glorify and improve God's creation. Pat baked pies and bread from recipes her grandmother and mother perfected on wood-burning stoves. She loved to garden and cook and prided herself on never entertaining with a dish previously made. Hers was a temple of love, compassion, and growth full of good food and stories and an ever-curious mind. She is preceded in death by her daughter Karen, her father Ralph, and her mother Josephine.

Pat is survived by her three children Scott (Sandy), Ellen (David), and Stephen (Betsy), her husband Bill, her grandchildren Samuel (Rachel), Douglas (Summer), Jenelle (Adam), Mackenzie (Mario), Max, Micah, Marcus, Lyra, Benjamin, Jacob, David (Madeline), Daniel (Stacy), Nathan, Zoe, Aiden, and great-grandchildren Landon, Madison, Landon, Leann, and Nolan, and Bill's children Matthew (Julie) and Michael and grandchildren Andrew and Katie. Pat's family thanks her Allegiance health care team and the angels at Vista Grande Villa who diligently cared for her and grew to love her wit, humor and compassion. Memorial services will take place August 7 at 11 a.m. in Jackson, MI at First Presbyterian Church, 743 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI and on August 14 at 11 a.m. in Ebensburg, PA at Ebensburg Presbyterian Church. Luncheons will follow the celebrations of her life.

As you keep the Magley's in your prayer, please know that a memorial service to celebrate Pat's life is scheduled on Saturday August 14th at 11am. So, I invite everyone to attend, that we reflect on our memories with Pat and her great gift and love she had shared with our church.

Owar J. Ojulu
Pastor, Ebensburg/Colver Presbyterian Churches

Annual Church Picnic

A joint service and picnic with Colver Presbyterian Church will be held at Colver on Sunday, August 15. Service will be at 10:00 am and the picnic will follow. Colver will provide the food for the picnic; bring your appetite!



From the Deacons:

We are planning the games and crafts for the Kids Potato Patch scheduled for September 25, 2021 during the PotatoFest. More details to follow next month!

What's Happening...



The Session of the Ebensburg Presbyterian Church met by Zoom on July 14, 2021. The meeting opened with prayer and Bible study of Hebrews 10:24-25. We are reminded to continually encourage one another in God's work. The roll was formed with all members present and the agenda was approved. Book of Order training was about worship and offering oneself, goods and money for the poor.

The treasurers report was discussed and received.

Committee reports included the following.

Budget, Finance, Stewardship requested permission to send a letter to Fidelity to close out an inactive account and send the money in it to the church. It was approved.

The Mission committee had several donations- \$110 to Presbytery for the Pentecost Offering, \$500 to a family in need, and \$200 to the Ebensburg Food Pantry. They also provided ½ camperships for three individuals to attend Pine Springs Camp.

Pastor/Parish Relations report that the joint worship and picnic will be held at Colver Presbyterian this year on August 15. The service is scheduled for 10 am with the picnic to follow.

Property Management reported that several of the outside windowsills need to be replaced, not just repainted. The contractor who examined them said that he could not put the job on his schedule this year. A bid for the sealcoating and line painting of the parking lot was received. Another will be sought.

The Worship committee thanked everyone who helped with worship services while Rev. Owar was away. Communion was held July 11. Members of the session were asked to look at the PCUSA information about becoming a Matthew 25 church to prepare for discussion at the next meeting.

All committee reports were received.

New Business included the following.

A Transfer of Membership was approved and some concerns with the recording of membership were addressed.

A request to hold an organ recital during the Dickens of a Christmas event was approved.

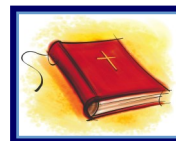
Communications from Presbytery – Laura presented a report of the most recent Presbytery meeting. Presbytery has a special meeting July 20th to consider two ministers called to churches in the Presbytery. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021.

Reverend Owar presented the Moderator's Report. He told about the church in Gambella, Ethiopia which is growing. Over 500 attend worship services. He discussed concerns and prayers for congregation members who have lost relatives.

The Deacons had a meeting July 18.

The next session meeting will be August 11, 2021.

Sunday Scripture Readings



August 1, 2021

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a Using the parable of a lamb, Nathan convicts David of his sins.
Psalm 51:1–12 Have mercy on me, O God, and cleanse me of my sin.
Ephesians 4:1–16 There is one body and one Spirit; speak truth and grow in love.
John 6:24–35 Jesus teaches about the bread of heaven, food for eternal life.

August 8, 2021

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 Absalom dies in a failed rebellion against his father, King David.
Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my supplications.
Ephesians 4:25—5:2 Put away bitterness; be kind to one another; be imitators of God.
John 6:35, 41–51 Jesus says: I am the bread of life that has come down from heaven.

August 15, 2021

1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14 Solomon becomes king and asks God for the gift of wisdom.
Psalm 111 Praise the Lord; the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.
Ephesians 5:15–20 Be filled with the Spirit, singing to God and always giving thanks.
John 6:51–58 Jesus says: My flesh and blood are food and drink for eternal life.

August 22, 2021

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) At the dedication of the temple, King Solomon prays to the Lord.
22–30, 41–43
Psalm 84 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord; my soul rejoices in you.
Ephesians 6:10–20 Put on the whole armor of God; persevere in prayer for the saints.
John 6:56–69 A difficult teaching; yet Peter says Jesus has the words of eternal life.

August 29, 2021

Song of Solomon 2:8–13 One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away.
Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9 A royal love song: God has blessed the king with beauty and grace.
James 1:17–27 Every good gift comes from God; pure religion is to care for others.
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, A debate about authority and tradition; evil things come from within.

If you need to contact Rev. Owar Ojulu for any pastoral needs below is his contact information:

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EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of June, 2021

Actual Operating Income: \$35,502.29

Actual Operating Expenses: \$41,905.21

Gain/Loss: (\$6,402.92)



2021 Per Capita

2021 Per Capita - Our Per Capita offering, which supports the work of the presbytery, synod and general assembly, has been set at \$42.50. We are a connectional church, and we encourage you to submit your per capita as soon as possible! Just mark your envelope or the memo line on your check. We are then responsible for sending this full amount to the Redstone Presbytery. Thank you!

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church

August 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 10th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook Live</p>	2	<p>3 Point of Free- dom NA Group—6 PM</p> <p>Voice Lessons— 1 PM—2:30 PM</p> <p>Happy Anniv. Jack & Sue</p>	4	5	6	7
<p>8 11th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p>Happy Birthday, Michael Pizur</p>	<p>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</p> <p>Voice Lessons— 1 PM—2:30 PM</p>	<p>SESSION—7 PM</p>			
<p>15 12th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Joint Service @ Colver 10:00 AM - Picnic following service</p> <p>COMMUNION</p> <p>Happy Birthday, Kristine Segear</p>	16	17	18	19	20	21
		<p>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</p>	<p>Voice Lessons 1 PM—2:30 PM</p>			<p>NA Business Mtg.—9:45 AM</p> <p>Happy Birthday Erika Pizur</p>
<p>22 13th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Worship 11:00 AM & Facebook Live</p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<p>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</p> <p>Happy Birthday Phil Brulia</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Duane Money</p>		<p>Happy Birthday Mackenzie Magley DeYulis</p>	
<p>29 14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Worship 11:00 AM & Facebook Live</p> <p>Deacon's Offering</p>	30	31				
		<p>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</p> <p>Happy Anniv. Susan & Matt Wolfe</p>				

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