

Join Us Each Week!

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

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THE FELLOWSHIP

A JOINT NEWSLETTER OF THE EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH AND THE COLVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018



What's Happening

The November 14th Session meeting opened with prayer and a short study of Psalm 100. Pieces of advice that we are thankful for were discussed.

The Treasurers report was received, and several committees reported. The Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee presented a proposed budget for 2019. The Discipleship committee sent out thank-you notes. The Mission committee has made donations to the local food pantry and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The Organ Restoration Committee reported that the recent Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Party raised \$4300. Plans are proceeding for the activities for the organ workshop (9-noon) and music recital (3:30) during Dicken's of a Christmas on December 1.

The Pastor Nominating committee is continuing to conduct interviews with candidates. The Property Management committee is working on a solution for the roof leaks. The Worship committee discussed plans for Advent and Christmas Eve services.

During the Christmas parade we will be selling "mug shots" (coffee and hot chocolate) and donuts on the portico. Ringers are still needed for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign on December 5. The sign-up list is on the table in the area behind the sanctuary.



Sunday Scripture Readings



December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14–16	The days are coming; God’s promise of salvation will be fulfilled.
Psalms 25:1–10	O Lord, teach me your paths; you are the God of my salvation.
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13	May God strengthen your heart until the coming of the Lord Jesus.
Luke 21:25–36	Signs in the heavens show that the kingdom of God is near; be alert.

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1–4	The Lord is like a refining fire; God’s messenger will prepare the way.
Luke 1:68–79	Zechariah’s song: Blessed is the Lord God, who has come to save us.
Philippians 1:3–11	The work that God has begun will be completed at Christ’s coming.
Luke 3:1–6	In the wilderness John cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord.

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

3:14–20	Rejoice and sing; God will redeem you and restore your fortunes.
Isaiah 12:2–6	Surely God is my salvation; trust in the Lord and give thanks.
Philippians 4:4–7	Rejoice in the Lord, who is near; pray and receive God’s peace.
Luke 3:7–18	John warns of God’s wrath and proclaims the good news.

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2–5a	A ruler will come from Bethlehem; he will be the one of peace.
Luke 1:46b–55	My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.
Hebrews 10:5–10	God does not desire burnt offerings; Christ came to do God’s will.
Luke 1:39–45	Mary visits Elizabeth; the child in Elizabeth’s womb leaps for joy.

December 24, 2018

Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2–7	Light shines on people in darkness; a child has been born for us.
Psalms 96	Sing a new song to the Lord, all the earth; declare God’s glory.
Titus 2:11–14	The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)	Jesus is born in Bethlehem; angels tell shepherds the good news.

December 30, 2018

First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26	Ministering before the Lord, Samuel grows in stature and favor.
Psalms 148	Praise the Lord, all creation! God is exalted in heaven and earth.
Colossians 3:12–17	As God’s chosen ones, clothe yourselves in love; be thankful.
Luke 2:41–52	Three days after Passover, young Jesus is found in his Father’s house.



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A Christmas

Organ Recital

***Featuring the dedication of new M.P. Moller by Allen Organ!**

*~Featured organists include: Tom Nagy,
Melissa Douglas, Tina Illig, Sarah Kirsch,
Kevin McKenrick, Becky Klezek, Ann Chicchi*

DECEMBER 1st | 3:30-4:30 PM

200 North Center Street Ebensburg, PA

Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst Counting our historic blessings

November is a season of thanksgiving. This year, we are grateful for these historic churches that have endured the test of time and are celebrating anniversaries.

“Celebrating milestones in our congregations serves as tangible reminders that we belong to Jesus Christ and to a Church where our testimony builds on the faithful witness of a community who served the Lord in this same place,” said Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger.



235 years. Congruity Presbyterian Church in New Alexandria reached out in mission by planting two other churches since it's beginning in 1780. 75 members went to create Community Presbyterian in other churches since it's beginning in 1780. 75 members went to create Community Presbyterian in 1837 and 60 members planted the Delmont Presbyterian Church in 1849.

200 years. Bethel Presbyterian Church in New Florence was originally built as a stone church. To celebrate the church created a memory quilt from old photos.

125 years. Avonmore Presbyterian began in 1893 with eighteen charter members and quickly grew to almost fifty. Within a year they built a wood-frame church and continued to grow. Music has been a significant part of its ministry.

**Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World
Together!**

2019 Giving Envelopes

We will be preparing the 2019 giving envelopes.
If there are any corrections or additions from last year's information please notify the church office.
Thank you.



EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of October, 2018

Actual Operating Income: \$52,801.33

Actual Operating Expenses: \$32,967.97

Gain/Loss: \$19,833.36

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COMMITTEES

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

We will once again have a Jesse Tree during Advent, hanging our collection of items from previous years' trees and adding new ones each week during the season as indicated below:

Jesse Tree Symbols

Sunday December 2nd

1. The world is created – Globe – Genesis 1:24-28
2. Adam and Eve – Snake and Apples - Genesis 3:1-24
3. Noah and the Flood – Rainbow – Genesis 6:11-22; 8:6-12, 9:11-17
4. Abraham – camel- Genesis 12:1-7, 13:2-18,
5. Sarah – Baby – Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
6. Isaac – Ram – Genesis 22:1-4

Sunday December 9th

7. Jacob – Ladder – Genesis 27:41 – 28:22
8. Joseph – Multicolored Coat – Genesis 37:1-36
9. Moses – Burning Bush – Exodus 3:1-10
10. Miriam – Tambourine – Exodus 15:19-21
11. Samuel – Lamp – 1 Samuel 3:1-21
12. Jesse – Branch – Isaiah 11:1

Sunday December 16th

13. David – Harp – 1 Samuel 16:14-23
14. Solomon – Crown – 1 Kings 3:3-28
15. Isaiah – Throne – Isaiah 6:1-8
16. Jeremiah – Tablets of Law – Jeremiah 31:31-34
17. Angels – Angel – Hebrews 1:1-14
18. Malachi – Trumpet – Malachi 3:1-4

Sunday December 23rd

19. Zechariah and Elizabeth – Baby – Luke 1:39-45
20. Mary – Angel – Luke 1:29-35
21. John the Baptist – River – Matthew 3:1-6
22. Joseph of Nazareth – Hammer/Saw – Matthew 1:18-25
23. Bethlehem – Star – Matthew 2:1-12
24. Birth of Christ – Crib – Luke 2:1-7

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COMMITTEES

From the Organ Restoration Committee:

On November 3rd, we held a Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle at the YPCC. It was a successful event that supported the Pipe Organ Restoration Fund. The Organ Restoration Committee would like to thank all the members, friends and businesses that donated their time, money, items or came to the event to support this fundraiser.

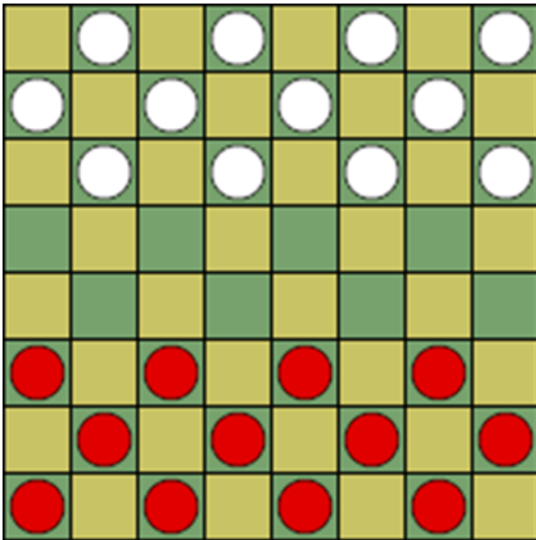


Christmas Cards for Wounded or Ailing Veterans

When filling out your Christmas cards this year, take a card and send to this address:

V.A. Medical Center
 Volunteer Services Dept.
 2907 Pleasant Valley Boulevard
 Altoona, PA 16602

Mail a card yourself or bring them to the church by December 16th and we will send them.



A special request has been made for our congregation. The Central Cambria School District is in need of board games, card games, and puzzles for their less fortunate students at the Elementary Schools and the Middle School. If you would like to help out, bring an unwrapped board game to the church and place under the tree. We will be collecting board games through Sunday, December 16th.

Family Christmas Lunch
Sunday, December 9, 2018
Following Worship and the Congregational Mtg.



Please invite friends and family to our Annual Christmas Meal and Party Sunday, December 9 immediately following the Service and the Congregational Meeting. The church will provide meat, potato, rolls, drinks and place settings.

Please bring one of the following dishes:

- Salad
 Vegetable
 Dessert

Yes, I will be attending the Church Family Christmas Dinner.

Name: _____



No. Attending _____

Please fill out the above information and place in our offering plate as it is passed to you. We will need an approximate count in order to purchase the meat and rolls.

Hope to see you at the Family Christmas Lunch! Any questions, please call the church office Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Christmas Organ Recital 3:30 PM</i>
2 <i>Worship 11:00 AM 1st Sunday of Advent Boy Scouts 5—7 Girl Scouts 7:00</i>	3 <i>Happy Birthday, Teagan Vaughn ACRP 3—8</i>	4 <i>Point of Freedom 6 PM</i>	5 <i>ACRP 3—8 Bell Ringing at Wal-Mart 4—9 PM</i>	6 <i>Happy Birthday, Paige Forberger SESSION—7 PM</i>	7	8
9 <i>Worship 11:00 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent Congregational Meeting Church Family Christmas Dinner Happy Birthday, John Kinkead Boy Scouts 5—7 Girl Scouts 7:00</i>	10 <i>Happy Birthday, Roxanne Lamer ACRP 3—8</i>	11 <i>Point of Freedom 6 PM</i>	12 <i>ACRP 3—8</i>	13	14	15 <i>NA Business Meeting 9:45 AM</i>
16 <i>Worship 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	17 <i>ACRP 3—8</i>	18 <i>Point of Freedom 6 PM Happy Birthday, Martha O'Brien, Holly Lyons</i>	19 <i>Happy Birthday, Sylvan Vietmeier ACRP 3—8</i>	20 <i>Happy Birthday, Joy Ambrose Robbins</i>	21 <i>ACRP 3—8</i>	22
23 <i>Worship 11:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve Service-7:00 PM</i> 	25 <i>Christmas Day Happy Birthday, Carol Vaughn, Clare Morrison Point of Freedom 6:00 PM</i>	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Worship 11:00 AM Communion</i>	31 <i>Happy Anniversary Bennett & Carol Vaughn</i> 					

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