



# The Fellowship

# June 2024

The Monthly Newsletter of the Ebensburg Presbyterian Church

**Ebensburg  
Presbyterian Church  
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Mission Statement:

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

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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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Wheels and Wings

"Our" PSC counselor



















## **“It Ain’t Over, Till it’s Over”**

Whether it had to do with the pennant race in 1973 or other “games” of life, the reality is that the season is not yet complete. There is still time. Like this one, various quotes attributed to Yogi Berra are often both humorous, yet ring true in our own life experiences. Whether they always make “sense” or not, we know and appreciate the reality of its meaning in our lives and can become a “mantra” for coaches as well as ourselves. *“It’s Not Over, Until it’s Over.”* In this case, we recognize that whether in baseball or in other parts of life, there are endings. Yet, because it is not yet the “end,” it is premature to anticipate or

even count out anyone or team until it is complete (*my ongoing reminder as a Pirates fan*). In other words, keep playing until the last out. This is true not only in baseball, but it is true in life, in ministry and in God’s kingdom. By God’s grace, since 1971, it has been and will remain the focus of my own ways of living life, in work and in ministry.

As many of you already know, in April I announced to the Council my intention to retire as the Executive Presbyter of Redstone at the end of 2024. The notion of discerning the appropriate time to make a change is never an easy one for me. There is always more to do and my own obsessions with completing the work keep my eyes on the horizon and my feet moving forward. Yet, as I began to anticipate the upcoming years, I sensed God’s leading that it was time for a change both for Redstone Presbytery and for me. It will represent a closing of this chapter and role for you and I together as EP and presbytery, but not as fellow laborers and servants of the Jesus Christ.

In God’s providence, when I first came across the advertisement for the position of Executive Presbyter, I remember being attracted to the appeal that the search committee was looking for candidates who were willing to “think outside the box.” At the time, I wondered if they really meant it or were prepared for what it might mean. For after all, Presbyterians often love creating “boxes” and living within them. By God’s grace and calling, I came to serve alongside of you in order that we might hear the Lord’s voice and follow in faithfulness wherever we might be led. We may not always have escaped the “boxes” of our own making, but hopefully, during these many years, we have at least punctured a few holes for God’s light to shine. Perhaps, we even altered the “box” or added new ways of serving our God in our local congregations, but also together as a presbytery that were outside of it.

Since my announcement, many people have expressed their appreciation and inquired whether I am looking forward to those days. While I am sure that I will enjoy the “next chapter” of God’s calling (whatever that is), I am more focused on completing the calling well that the Lord extended through this presbytery. You see, *“It’s not over, until it’s over.”* I am trusting that God has many opportunities to serve in God’s reign not only for me over these next eight months, but for all of us together.

Though there may be changes and callings to different “stations” in our lives (individually or collectively) at different times, there is no ending, no finish line, to discipleship. By God’s grace alone, seeking the first the kingdom and its righteousness is our constant call in this life until Christ reconciles all things and brings them to completion in Christ’s reign on earth as it is in heaven. So, until that day, *“It’s not over, until it’s over.”* Whether over the next eight months laboring together, we will finish strong in what has called us. And over the next years, even as we pursue God’s calling in different places, yet we are and will be joined together in serving for God’s glory and God’s glory alone “until it’s over.” *Soli Deo Gloria!*



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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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<b>2</b> <i>Worship 10:00 AM &amp; Facebook</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6PM</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Potato beads 1:00</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Worship 10:00 AM &amp; Facebook</i>  <i>Happy Anniv. Bill &amp; "R" McKim, Duane &amp; Pat Mohney</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Session—7 PM</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6PM</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Potato beads 1:00 Happy Birthday, Jon Kendig</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>NA Business Meeting - 9:45 AM</i>
<b>16</b> <i>Worship 10:00 AM &amp; Facebook Communion Sun- day</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Happy Birthday, Rebecca Bracken, Kristy Forberger</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6PM</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Wheels &amp; Wings 5-9 pm Happy Birthday, Scott Magley, Mary Lou Carlisle First Day Summer</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Happy Birthday, James Lyons III Happy Anniv. Jim &amp; Jani Stratton</i>
<b>23</b> <i>Worship 10:00 AM &amp; Facebook Happy Birthday, Magdalene Brack- en,</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6PM Happy Anniv. Jim &amp; Shirley Cassidy</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Happy Birthday, June Fedora &amp; Doug Weber</i>
<b>30</b> <i>Worship 10:00 AM &amp; Facebook</i>						

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