



March 2025



**Ebensburg
Presbyterian
Church**

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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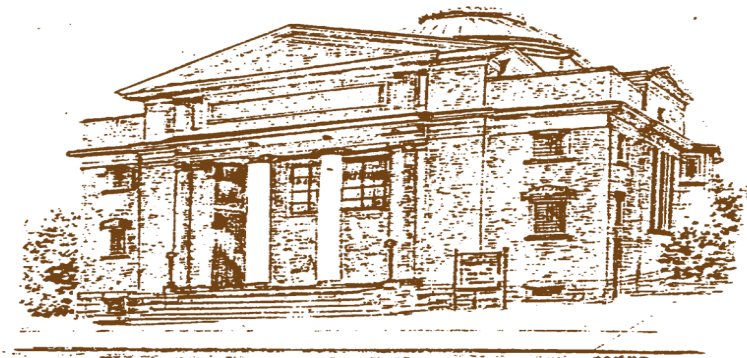
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CHURCH HOURS

Monday: 9:30-3:00
Tuesday: 9:30-3:00
Wednesday: 9:30-1:30
Thursday: 9:30-3:00
Friday: Closed

From Pastor Danielle's Desk

Beloved Church Family,

As we enter this sacred season, we embark on a journey that calls us to reflection, renewal, and preparation. Lent is a time of deep introspection, where we examine our hearts, acknowledge our dependence on God, and strive to grow in faith. It is a season that calls us to prayer, fasting, and acts of service—practices that draw us closer to God and to one another. Lent invites us to walk alongside Christ, experiencing his teachings, his sacrifices, and ultimately, the promise of resurrection. This year, our Lenten journey will be marked by intentional acts of faith, communal worship, and meaningful study that deepen our understanding of God's presence in our lives.

Repairing the Breach

Our Lenten theme, inspired by Isaiah 58 and the PCUSA's One Great Hour of Sharing, is *Repairing the Breach*. We are reminded that God calls us to be restorers of broken places—to mend relationships, strengthen our community, and care for those in need. This is a theme that resonates deeply in our world today, where division, suffering, and injustice often seem overwhelming. Yet, we are not without hope. God calls us to be active participants in healing and reconciliation. Each week in worship, we will reflect on ways we can participate in God's healing work in the world—through acts of kindness, advocacy for justice, and a renewed commitment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The Cross Mosaic Project

As a congregation, we will engage in a special project throughout Lent: creating a cross mosaic. This hands-on, visual representation of restoration and renewal will stand as a powerful reminder of Christ's redemptive love. Each Sunday, we will add pieces to this growing work of art, symbolizing our collective journey of faith. Just as broken shards are brought together to create something beautiful, so too does God take our brokenness and transform it into something new. By Easter morning, our mosaic will stand as a vibrant testament to the healing work of Christ and the ways we are being made whole in Him.



Lenten Wednesday Book Study

I invite you to join me on Wednesday evenings for a special Lenten book study on *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. This insightful and thought-provoking book invites us to find God in the ordinary elements of daily life—bread, coins, oil, and more—reminding us that God is present in every moment. Together, we will reflect on the ways God speaks to us through the seemingly mundane aspects of life, revealing profound spiritual truths. Whether you are new to Lenten studies or have participated for years, this book will challenge and inspire you. Our discussions will provide a space for spiritual growth, mutual encouragement, and deeper connection as we explore how God's presence is woven throughout our everyday experiences.

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From Pastor Danielle's Desk Cont...

Spring's Promise

Though the days may still be cold, the promise of spring is near. The changing of seasons reminds us of God's faithfulness—the way life emerges from what seemed barren, the warmth that follows the chill, and the renewal that comes after a period of waiting. Just as the earth awakens to new life, Lent prepares our hearts for the renewal of Easter. This is a time for us to open ourselves to the transformation that God desires for us, to let go of burdens that weigh us down, and to embrace the hope of resurrection. Let us journey together through this season with open hearts, trusting that God's grace is at work, repairing the breaches in our lives and leading us toward resurrection hope.

May this Lenten season be one of transformation, reflection, and deep connection with Christ and one another. May we walk faithfully, seek God earnestly, and celebrate with joy the new life that is to come.

In Christ's peace,
Rev. Danielle



March 2025 Preaching Plan

The Cross We Build—A journey through Lent, weaving together Christ's path to the cross, our collective work of faith, and the call to "Repair the Breach" (Isaiah 58). Each service will contribute to the creation of a cross mosaic, symbolizing our role in Christ's mission of healing and restoration. This series will allow the congregation to journey deeply through Lent, engaging scripture, reflection, and artistic expression in a way that makes Christ's journey to the cross—and beyond—tangible and transformative.

March 2- St. David's Day with UCC, "Lift Your Eyes, Shine Your Light"
Psalm 121: 1-2, Matthew 5: 13-16

March 5- ASH WED, Communion, "Marked for Repair"
Joel 2:1-2 and 12-17, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9- "Into the Wilderness"
Exodus 16: 1-15, Mark 1:9-15

March 16- "The Cost of Repair"
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Mark 8:31-38

March 23- "Healing the Broken"
Psalm 146: 5-10, John 9: 1-41

March 30- "The Breath of Life"
Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45

March 30- "The Anointing"
Isaiah 61:1-4, John 12:1-8

Sunday Scripture Readings



March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of the Lord

Ex. 34:29-35

Ps. 99

2 Cor. 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Deut.26:1-11

Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16

Rom. 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18

Ps. 27

Phil. 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

March 23

Third Sunday in Lent

Is. 55:1-9

Ps. 63:1-8

1 Cor. 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 30

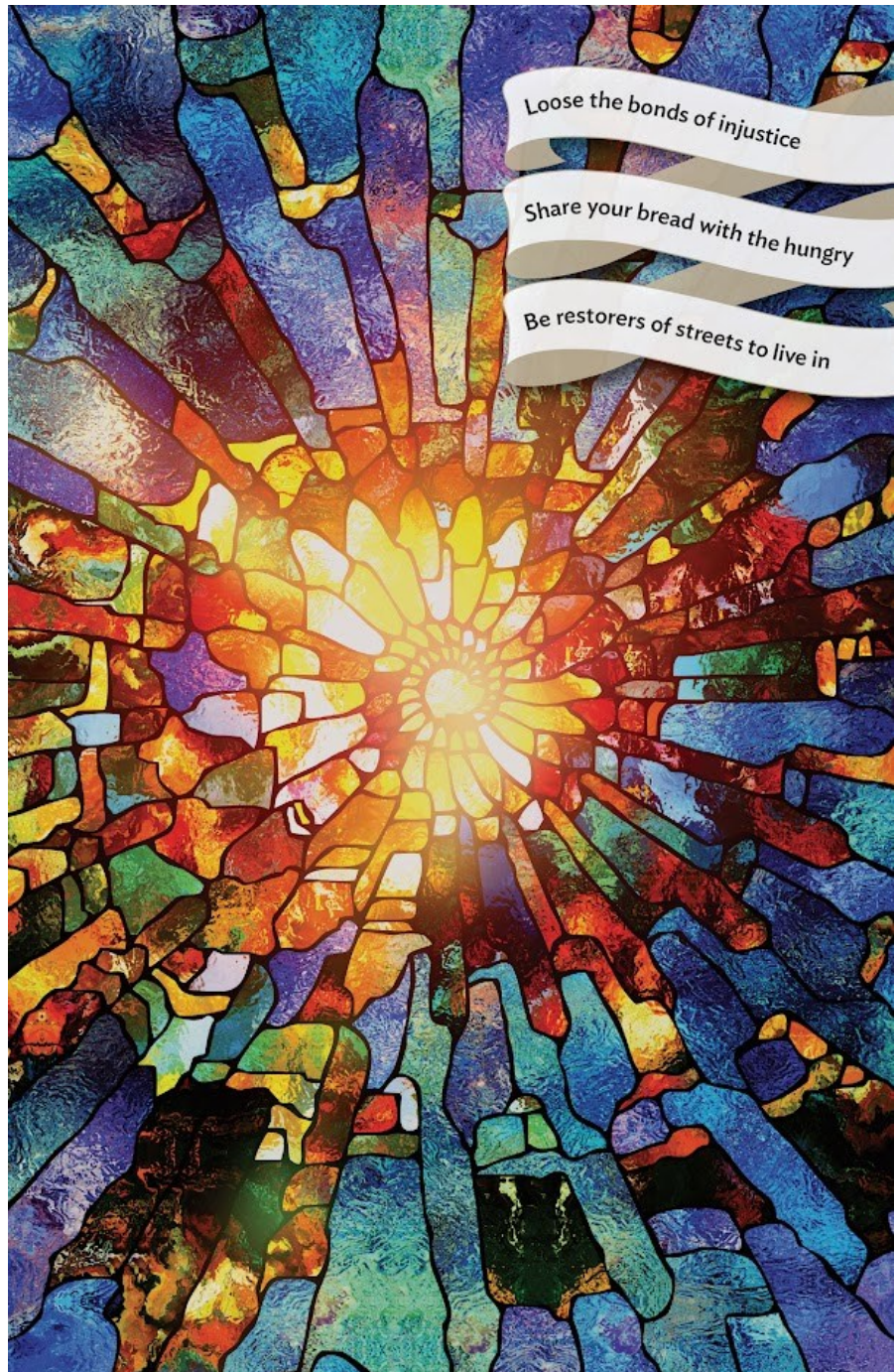
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12

Ps. 32

2 Cor. 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



From the Mission Committee



The Mission Committee will once again be offering half-camperships for Pine Springs Camp.

Please contact the church office for information on how to request a half-campership.

Information on programs offered at Pine Springs can be found at:

<https://www.pinesprings.org/>

Our congregation will continue the tradition of participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, one of several denomination-wide offerings.

The familiar “fish boxes” and pew envelopes will be available throughout Lent.



What's Happening...

Session met on February 10. The meeting was opened with prayer followed by Book of Order training about the proclamation of the Gospel as one of the great ends of the Church and the shared responsibility of all Christians. Acts 1:8 and Matt 28: 19-20 stress the importance of evangelism. Next, the January minutes were approved, and the treasurer's report was received.

Committee reports included the following:

Discipleship is preparing for the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Family Life is working with Worship on the Ash Wednesday service and breakfast.

Mission has several projects occurring- Funds are being collected during February for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (Fire relief). Food items will be collected for the Backpack program at the Central Cambria School District. The committee will again offer ½ camperships for our youth to attend Pine Springs Camp. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering starts on Ash Wednesday and will be collected on Palm Sunday.

Property reported that water leaks in the kitchen pipes were repaired. The first-aid kit was refurbished. The exhaust fan in the Men's restroom needs repair. Also fire blankets will be obtained for the kitchen.

Worship Communion dates were approved for the remainder of the year.

Following the Committee reports, many items were addressed in New Business.

The annual General Assembly statistical report for our church was approved.

Eric Schell was welcomed as the potential new Clerk of Session.

At the combined St. David's Day service at the United Church of Christ on March 2nd the offering is designated for the 2540 Fund which provides help to needy families and individuals in and around Ebensburg. Also gently used and freshly laundered blankets will be collected for homeless people in Pittsburgh.

A committee is to be formed for our congregation's 175th Anniversary celebration.

We will thank and honor Jim Stratton who is stepping down as Clerk of Session.

Committee meetings should be regularly scheduled at least bi-monthly.

Following discussion, it was decided that session meetings will continue to be scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm. An exception is made for April when the meeting will be April 7th rather than April 14th because of Holy Week/ Easter.

A use of building request by the South Ebensburg 4H Club for meetings and activities was approved conditionally depending on the dates requested on the form to be turned in.

Vacation and pulpit supply dates for Rev. Kendig were approved.

A request was approved for use of the church for an annual memorial service conducted by a local hospice group, "1 Laurel Highlands Hospice Care."

Lenten Studies may be held on Wednesday evenings.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

You are invited to a **6-week Bible study** at **Cresson Presbyterian** from 6-8 pm starting Monday, March 10. It will be composed of video segments taught by Dr. "Mickey" Efirid, followed by discussion. We'll be looking at the Passion narratives in all 4 gospels – How are they similar? How are they different? How does the uniqueness of each gospel speak to us? If you have any questions, contact Rev. Alice Tondora at 814-243-2995 or revatondora@gmail.com.

Save the Date

May 18, 2025

*Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Congregation
and
Presbyterian Heritage Sunday.*



Please plan to join us for celebration during and following worship.

*If you can help with planning of this event, please contact
Becky Bracken or Judy Carl.*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<i>March 5</i>	<i>Jeff Vietmeier</i>
<i>March 15</i>	<i>Leif Vietmeier</i>
<i>March 20</i>	<i>Debra Shamble</i>
<i>March 21</i>	<i>Mara Vermillion</i>
<i>March 25</i>	<i>Samuel Wheeler</i>
<i>March 27</i>	<i>J. Gregory Stratton</i>

From the Presbytery



Presbytery
of Redstone

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H (U S A)

WOMEN IN THE WOODS

Celebrating New Life

FRIDAY, APRIL 4-SATURDAY, APRIL 5

A retreat designed to be physically and spiritually refreshing for women of all ages. The teaching will be incredible, and the retreat will be packed with great singing, fun, laughter and fellowship.

Register online

at www.pinesprings.org or [click here for Form](#)



25th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing Save the Date

Monday, May 12, 2025

Mark your calendars for this day of celebration at the historic and beautiful Latrobe Country Club!



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JOIN US FOR A SEVEN-WEEK LENTEN STUDY SERIES BASED ON

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects, by Jill J. Duffield

Led by Reverend Danielle Kendig

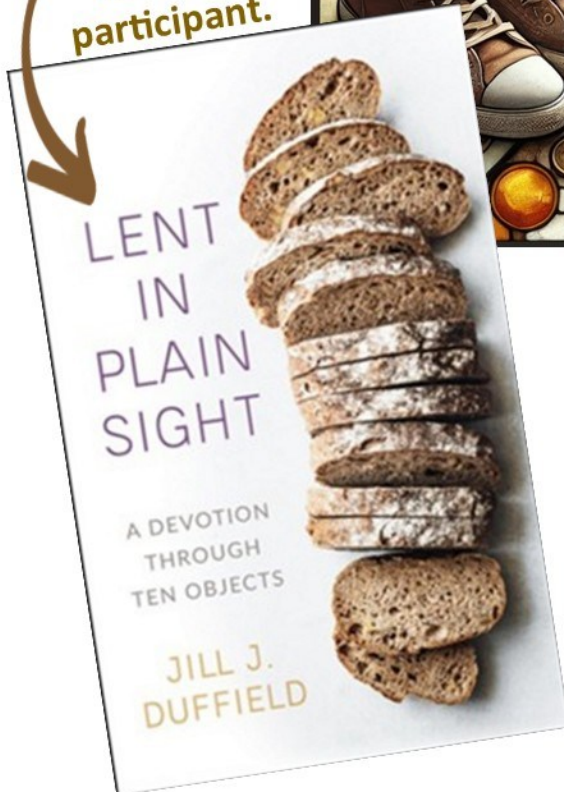


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**Study will begin at the Ash Wednesday 10AM Service
and will continue each week at 7PM on Wednesday evenings
concluding on Wednesday, April 16th in the Fellowship Room.**



Books will be
provided
for each
participant.



God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.



For any pastoral needs please reach out to contact Reverend Danielle Kendig at:
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EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of January 31, 2025

Actual Operating Income: \$ 9,556.39

Actual Operating Expenses: \$ 10,171.25

Gain/Loss: \$ -614.86

2025 Per Capita

2025 Per Capita - Our Per Capita offering, which supports the work of the presbytery, synod and general assembly, has been set at **\$45.00**. 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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Worship 11 am At UCC</i> <i>Scouts 5-7</i>	3	4 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	5 <i>9 am Prayer break- fast</i> <i>7 pm Lenten Series</i>	6	7	8
9 <i>Worship 11 am DAY- LIGHT TIME and Facebook</i> <i>Scouts 5-7</i>	10 <i>7 pm Session meeting</i>	11 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	12 <i>7 pm Lenten Series</i>	13	14	15 <i>9:45 a.m. NA Busi- ness meeting</i>
16 <i>Worship 11 am and Facebook</i> <i>Scouts 5-7</i>	17	18 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	19 <i>7 pm Lenten Series</i>	20	21	22
23 <i>Worship 11 am and Facebook</i> <i>Scouts 5-7</i>	24	25 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	26 <i>7 pm Lenten Series</i>	27	28	29
30 <i>Worship 11 am and Facebook</i> <i>Scouts 5-7</i>	31					

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