

February 2025

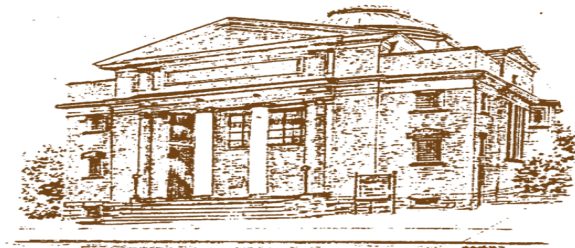


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CHURCH HOURS

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

**Ebensburg
 Presbyterian Church
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Mission Statement:

*“Ebensburg Presbyterians are
 Christians giving help and hope to all
 by sharing God’s love.”*

Church Office Hours
 9:am-1: pm

Monday-Thursday
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Worship Service

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Church Staff

Pastor
 Danielle Kendig

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Clerk of Session
 Jim Stratton

Secretary
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Custodian
 Don Buterbaugh

Organist
 Melissa Douglas

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From Pastor Danielle's Desk

Beloved Church Family,

As we step into the month of February, our hearts turn toward a season of reflection, renewal, and preparation. This year, February is particularly special as we prepare to celebrate a momentous milestone—our church's 175th anniversary. What a blessing it is to be part of a congregation with such a deep and faithful legacy!

Sermon Series: Love, Discipleship, and Resurrection

This February, our congregation will explore themes of love, discipleship, and resurrection. We will begin by celebrating Communion Sunday, reflecting on God's call and the centrality of love in our faith. *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."* (1 Corinthians 13:13) Then, we'll journey with Jesus as He calls His first disciples, inviting us to trust and follow Him. *"Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people."* (Matthew 4:19) Later, we'll delve into the transformative power of resurrection, examining the hope of new life. *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.'"* (John 11:25) Each week offers an opportunity to deepen our faith and grow as Christ's beloved community.

175 Years of Faithfulness

Throughout this month, we will also begin our preparations for celebrating our church's 175th anniversary. This is not just a commemoration of years past, but a recognition of God's faithfulness through generations. As we reflect on our history, we also look forward with hope to the future God is calling us into. *"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."* (Psalm 100:5) In the coming weeks, we will be sharing ways you can participate in this celebration, whether through storytelling, special worship services, or service projects that embody our commitment to Christ's mission.

Welsh-Themed Community Sunday Service

We are also excited to share that we are planning a Welsh-themed community Sunday Service in partnership with First United Church of Christ. This special service will celebrate our shared heritage, incorporating Welsh hymns, traditions, and a time of fellowship. It will be a wonderful opportunity to worship together, strengthen our community bonds, and honor the cultural roots that have shaped our faith journey. *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"* (Psalm 133:1) More details will be shared soon, and we hope you will join us for this meaningful event.



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Special Offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



In the spirit of Lent and faithful service, we will hold a special offering every Sunday in February to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's relief efforts for those affected by the devastating fires in California. These gifts will provide much-needed aid to communities in crisis, offering hope and tangible support to those rebuilding their lives. *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).* If you feel called to give, please know that your contributions will make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

I am grateful for each of you and the ways our church continues to live out God's love. As we enter this sacred season together, may we be renewed in faith, strengthened in community, and inspired to share God's grace with the world.

Blessings and peace,
Rev. Danielle

February 2025 Preaching Plan

This February, our congregation will explore themes of love, discipleship, and resurrection. We'll begin by celebrating Communion Sunday, reflecting on God's call and the centrality of love in our faith. Then, we'll journey with Jesus as He calls His first disciples, inviting us to trust and follow Him. Later, we'll delve into the transformative power of resurrection, examining the hope of new life. Each week offers an opportunity to deepen our faith and grow as Christ's beloved community and ensures a progression of themes while weaving in foundational biblical concepts.

February 2- Communion Sunday "Rooted in Love: Called to Serve"

Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

February 9- "On the Deep Waters: Trusting God's Call"

Psalms 138, Luke 5:1-11

February 16- "What Defines You?"

Psalms 1, Luke 6:17-26

February 23- "The Promise of Resurrection"

Daniel 12:2-3, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Sunday Scripture Readings



February 2, 2025

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jer. 1:4-10

Ps. 71:1-6

1Cor. 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa. 6:1-8 (9-13)

Ps. 138

1 Cor. 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jer. 17:5-10

Ps. 1

1 Cor. 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26



February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Gen. 45:3-11, 15

Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

What's Happening...

Thank you to Judy Carl for this report.

On January 13, 2025, the Session meeting opened with prayer. The agenda and December minutes were approved. Book of Order training was about meetings with a devotional on a Spirit of Unity and Purpose. New Elders were welcomed to Session.

The Treasurer's Report was received. Committee reports included information about end-of-year donations and activities. The Mission Committee has prepared gift bags for shut-ins. Property reported that new shut-off valves are being installed in the basement.

In **Old Business**, several items were addressed.

1. Work on the dome is tabled until the weather improves.
2. An outline of major events planned for 2025 should be prepared by committees and submitted to make a planning calendar.
3. A Welsh hymn sing with the United Church of Christ is in planning.
4. The prayer chain is being reinstated.

In **New Business** many topics were addressed.

1. Committees were reorganized. Please consider signing up for one or more committees.
2. Our congregation's 175 th Anniversary Celebration is planned for May 18 th .
3. Thank you notes are going out to all contributors to our church.
4. Presbytery meets Jan 25 th . Judy Carl was appointed as our representative.
5. A class for new and/or potential members is planned.
6. The first-aid kit needs to be refurbished, and fire blankets should be placed in the kitchen.
7. The yearly statistical report was submitted by Jim Stratton, Clerk of Session, and approved by the Session.

Reverend Kendig reported on the Advent and Christmas season. She begins serving on the Board of Pine Springs Camp.

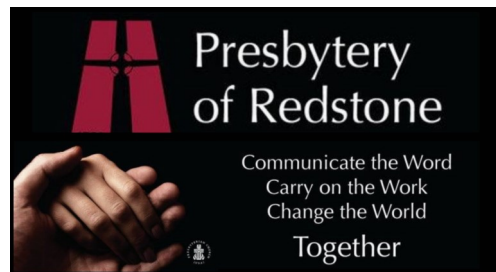
The annual District 4 Enrichment Day with classes, refreshments and worship is scheduled for Feb. 8 th at Westmont Presbyterian.

February 10 th is the date for the next scheduled Session meeting.

From the Mission Committee:

In order to aid victims of the wildfires in California, the Mission Committee has organized a special offering during the month of February. If you wish to donate, please use the envelopes in the pews or mark "PDA Wildfire Relief" on your check or online donation. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

From the Presbytery:



Season of Change

Change? Former President John F. Kennedy said, "Change is the law of life, those who live in the past or present will miss the future." It seems the only thing constant is change. The seasons change, time changes, the weather changes. Sometimes we have the opportunity to prepare for change, but many times it is thrust upon us. Bob Dylan said "there is nothing so stable as change." We lose a job or our health or the health of a loved one changes and so does our life as we know it.

What is change? To make different, replace or move on. We can change, we go to school to learn skills that will aid us in a new occupation. It is nice, when we can plan our changes. Like when we move into a new house or buy a new car. We are happy with those changes. Other times it is thrust upon us. Life is not the same as it was moments ago. A fast-moving hurricane moves into our lives and all that we knew is gone. More recently the fire in Pacific Palisades destroyed thousands of homes, everything gone, so tragic. Or our doctor delivers the results from a recent test. Change is a daily occurrence in our lives. Things are not the same or comfortable as they were before.

Our Executive Presbyter, Skip Noftsger has retired. We wish him well. Skip gave us time to prepare, and prepared us for this change. Personally, he has helped me in my journey of faith. As I transitioned from an Authorized Pastor to a Commissioned Pastor and served two congregations. An asset as I served as Chair on the Committee on Ministry and as Moderator last year. Just as Paul trained Titus to serve on the island of Crete, Skip has helped many in the Presbytery. Paul told Titus to find good people to help in the ministry. Our Presbytery is full of good servants who serve in congregations and committees and so we move on. We have sought out an Interim Executive Presbyter and were successful. He will be a part of the January Presbytery meeting. A new adventure begins. We wish Skip well and pray for the new Interim.

So what is next? I do not know but I am reminded of the words from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." NIV. As we go forward trust that God is with us, as always. Hebrews 13:8 tells us Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. NIV He loves us and that will not change.

Soli Deo Gloria.

Len Morgan

Moderator of Redstone Presbytery

Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria



February 1	Max Magley
February 3	Susan Makosy
February 3	Marsha Krug
February 7	Tim Forberger
February 15	Jamie Mazzarella
February 17	Eva Vietmier
February 22	Zane Kendig
February 23	Laurel Lyons
February 25	Amy Brulia
February 28	Jani Mc Kenrick Stratton

Upcoming events:

March 2: Welsh Hymn-sing with UCC. (Details to follow)



March 5: Ash Wednesday Breakfast



May 18: 175th Anniversary Celebration





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 December 31, 2024

Actual Operating Income: \$ 89,058.69

Actual Operating Expenses: \$ 79,215.12

Gain/Loss: \$ 9,843.57



2024 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 and Facebook Communion</i>	3	4 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Enrichment Day 10:30 a.m.</i>
9 <i>Worship 11 am and Facebook 5 to 8: Scouts</i>	10 <i>7 p.m. Session</i>	11 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>9:45 a.m. NA Business meeting</i>
16 <i>Worship 11 am and Facebook 5 to 8: Scouts</i>	17	18 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	19	20	21	22
23 <i>Worship 11 am and Facebook 5 to 8: Scouts</i>	24	25 <i>7 pm Point of Freedom NA</i>	26	27	28	

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