

Join Us Each Week!

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

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Sunday School 10:15 AM

THE FELLOWSHIP

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

NOVEMBER 2018

What's Happening

There was a regular monthly meeting of Session on Wednesday, October 10. Reports from various Session committees included an update on the spaghetti dinner and music activities surrounding the organ dedication, the pastor search, donations for disaster relief, and the ongoing problems with the church roof.

Recruitment of volunteers and in-kind donations for the dinner is going well. Commitments for baskets number about 40 at this point.

The first weekend in December will be a busy one for the church, especially for the musicians. On Saturday, December 1, there will be an organ workshop for church musicians from 9 to 12. An organ recital and dedication of the new organ is scheduled for 3:30 that same afternoon. Sunday morning worship that weekend will feature special musicians and a Lessons and Carols service.

The pastor search is moving ahead with the Pastor Nominating Committee studying Pastor Information Forms and interviewing candidates.

A total of \$155 from a special offering will be added to \$500 designated by the Mission Committee to be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for recovery from recent hurricane damage.

Because of recurring leaks despite repair efforts, the Property Management Committee will be working with a professional company that specializes in work on large buildings.



Sunday Scripture Readings



November 4, 2018

Ruth 1:1–18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:11–14

Mark 12:28–34

Ruth decides to go with Naomi to Judah: Where you go, I will go.
Happy are those who put their trust in the Lord, the God of Jacob.
By the blood of Christ, our high priest, we will be made clean.
Jesus summarizes the commandments: to love God and neighbor.

November 11, 2018

Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24–28

Mark 12:38–44

Ruth and Boaz have a son, who will become an ancestor to David.
Unless the Lord builds the house, the workers labor in vain.
Christ entered the sanctuary of heaven; he will come again to save.
Jesus criticizes the scribes and praises the gift of a poor widow.

November 18, 2018

1 Samuel 1:4–20

1 Samuel 2:1–10

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18)

19–25

Mark 13:1–8

Hannah prays for a son; she conceives and gives birth to Samuel.
Hannah's song of thanksgiving: My heart rejoices in the Lord.
Let us hold fast to our faith, preparing for the day of the Lord.
Jesus speaks of the temple's fall, and other signs of what is to come.

November 25, 2018

2 Samuel 23:1–7

Psalm 132:1–12 (13–18)

Revelation 1:4b–8

John 18:33–37

The last words of David: God has made an everlasting covenant.
Remember your covenant with David, O Lord, and bless us.
Jesus is coming with the clouds; the Lord is Alpha and Omega.
Pilate asks: Are you a king? Jesus answers: I came to show the truth.

EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of September 30, 2018

Actual Operating Income: \$47,491.47

Actual Operating Expenses: \$30,488.91

Gain/Loss: \$17,002.56



Kids' Potato Patch 2018

The Ebensburg Presbyterian Deacons hosted another successful Kids' Potato Patch during Ebensburg's PotatoFest. The 300 or so participants were engaged in potato-themed activities and crafts—with face painting being the most creative. A special thank you was given to the volunteers from CCHS Interact Club whose help was immeasurable. Our sponsors include: McDonald's, Jim Lyons Family, Askew-Houser Funeral Homes, Bureau of Forestry, First General Services, Smorto, Persio, Webb, & McGill Law Offices, and Carolyn Vaughn. Also, members of our church stepped up to help with preparing crafts and collecting money.

The funds raised from the \$4 donation for Kids' Potato Patch are used by the Deacons to purchase emergency clothing items and a few Christmas presents for our local elementary and middle school students, as well as Valentine gifts for members of our congregation who are unable to attend church.



Kids' Potato Patch 2018



Jazzy Jubilation

An Evening of Praise and Prayers
Including: Spirituals/Jazz Standards & Jammin'
Sunday
November 11, 2018
7:00 PM
Reception to follow!

First Presbyterian Church
Walnut and Lincoln Streets, Johnstown

Featured Artists Include:

Mike Bodolosky, Drums
Kristen Kane, Vocals
Jerry Sandusky, Sax

John Pencola, Piano
Joe Dipyatic, Horns
Rick Auvil, Bass

Free will offering benefits Food Pantry at Franklin St. UMC
Please bring a non-perishable food item.





***Do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you. (Isaiah 41:10)***

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is offering immediate aid to the communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. This joins responses already underway for those impacted by Hurricane Florence, Typhoon Mangkhut, and other international disasters that have suffered a lack of media coverage.

Hurricane Michael struck the Florida panhandle with devastating winds and storm surge, causing loss of life. The storm then cut a path across the southeast, moving through the same areas impacted by Hurricane Florence just a few weeks ago.

PDA is deploying teams to affected presbyteries. Emergency aid, assistance in the development of a short-term response plan, as well as a ministry of presence will be the priorities of the initial response.

Meanwhile, areas impacted by Mangkhut and Florence have received aid and support through the gifts of Presbyterians like you. In humility, with God and your continued support, we will continue to help draw hope out of the chaos, together.

**Will you stand in the “GAP” (Give/Act/Pray)
to help the survivors of these terrible storms?**

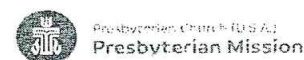
Yes, I want to help!

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Hurricane and Typhoon Relief —DR000194	\$
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Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email Address:		

Please detach the reply form and return with your gift to your church; or mail with your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



Christmas Poinsettias

Once again Poinsettias will be available to decorate our sanctuary. A listing will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The donation this year will be \$9.00 per plant. Please place order with payment in the offering plate or send to the church office no later than Sunday, December 2, 2018.

Plants may be in memory of an individual or couple, or "Loved Ones". They may also be in honor of some occasion such as a birthday or anniversary.

I would like to order a total of _____ Christmas Poinsettias.

Please list the information as follows:

In Loving Memory of _____

Or

In Honor of _____

Presented by _____

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In Honor of _____

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You may pick them up following the Christmas Eve Service or leave them to brighten the season for someone else. (use back for additional orders)

If you have any questions regarding ordering Christmas Poinsettias, please call the church office Mon.—Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. This form is available as a bulletin insert or at the church office.

REPORTS FROM CHURCH COMMITTEES

From the Mission Committee:

“The Mission Committee hopes that you will donate generously to the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry offering on **December 2nd**. In the past, our congregation has supported the Food Pantry Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach through donation of bags of groceries. We decided several years ago to make this a special monetary offering rather than an in-kind offering. Please make checks payable to the order of Ebensburg Presbyterian Church with “Saint Vincent DePaul in the memo line.”

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.



Allen Organ Workshop

Sponsored by: Altoona's Music Emporium

Led by Organist Richard Merryman

December 1, 2018 * 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

"Some Useful Christmas Carols You Might Not Know" This will be the theme of the Allen Organ Workshop, led by Organist Richard Merryman. At noon, a time of food and fellowship will follow the organ workshop where participants will have the opportunity to share ideas and suggestions from the workshop leader. Mr. Merryman will conduct this three hour, pre-Christmas workshop from the Ebensburg Presbyterian Sanctuary, which now houses a new state of the art, three manual Allen Organ. To begin with, Merryman will offer a brief background about the five basic stops of the organ, along with their appropriate use in worship. Next, Merryman will provide copies and commentary about unusual Christmas carols, useful as rousing congregational songs or easy choir anthems, or creative organ solos, complete with stop suggestions. Finally, Merryman will share a philosophy about church music, intended to aid organists, choir directors, and pastors in fostering enthusiasm and enjoyment for church music in these troubling times of transition.

Workshop hosted by Ebensburg Presbyterian Church * 200 North Center Street * Ebensburg, PA * 15931

***Please RSVP by calling and leaving a message at 814-472-6920 or e-mail ebgpsesby@gmail.com



Richard Merryman

A native of Tyrone, PA and a 1970 graduate of Tyrone Area High School, where he provided piano and organ accompaniment for the high school choir, Mr. Merryman earned both Bachelor and Master degrees from Penn State University in English, with highest honors. For 38 years, from 1974 until 2012, Merryman served as teacher of English and coach of the speech team at his Alma Mater---Tyrone Area High School. For 5 years, from 1967 to 1972, Merryman played the historic Estey Pipe Organ in Tyrone's Trinity Episcopal Church. For 42 years, from 1972 until 2014, Merryman served as organist and choir master at the gothic Tyrone Presbyterian Church, where first he played a three manual 33-Rank Moller Pipe Organ and then later a three manual 45 stop Allen digital computer organ. Now for the past 4 years, from 2014-2018, Merryman has served as organist in Rural Sinking Valley, at Saint John's Lutheran Church, where in the autumn of 2017, he supervised the installation of a state of the art Allen Organ with twelve speaker cabinets. A past Associate Dean of the American Guild of Organists in State College, PA, Merryman studied organ primarily with the late Mrs. Dorothy Flexner, organist of Grace Lutheran Church in State College for 25 years, and a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of music in Baltimore. Although French novelist Honore de Blazac has claimed that the organ is the grandest, the most creative invention of human genius, and a complete orchestra in itself, these days the church organ sometimes seems like an antique of a past generation, and organists seem like an endangered species. The December 1, 2018 Allen Organ Workshop at Ebensburg Presbyterian Church hopes to revitalize new interest in the King of Instruments, and the wonderful people who work very hard to play it.


Colver Presbyterian Church

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Happy Birthday, Melanie Johnson!
4 Happy Birthday, Mary Van Dove!	5 Colver Crafters @ 1 pm	6 Election Day Soup & Bake Sale 7-3 pm Happy Birthday, Bev Shutack & Rev. Dr. James Davis!	7 Happy Birthday, Calvin Jacobs! Women's Association Meeting @ 7 pm	8 Happy Birthday, Alex Kirsch!	9	10
11 Veterans Day Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ 2 pm (Holy Family Catholic Church)	12	13 Happy Birthday, Jae Davis!	14	15 Happy Birthday, Joe Shaffer & Trever Baker!	16	17
18 Christ the King Sunday Communion Women's Assoc. Officer Installation Thank Offering Congregational Meeting	19 Happy Anniversary, Will & Margie Bailey!	20 Session Meeting – 7 PM	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 Colver Light Up Night	24
25 Happy Birthday, Matthew Gonos! Advent Family Night (Covered dish & activity) @ 5 pm	26	27	28	29	30	

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November 2018

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				1	2	3 Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle YPCC 11 AM—6 PM Happy Anniv. Jim & Suzie Link
4 <i>Worship 11:00 AM</i> <i>Boy Scouts 4:00</i> <i>Girl Scouts 7:00</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	5 Happy Birthday, Sally Tiracave ACRP 3—8	6 Point of Freedom 6 PM Election Day	7 ACRP 3—8	8	9 Happy Birthday, David Feath	10
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