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Join Us Each Week!

Worship @ 11:00 AM

Bible Study Tuesday at 7 PM

For the past three Sundays, we have worshipped in our sanctuary as well as continuing to offer Facebook and Zoom as options for those who cannot join us in person. Even if things have not fully come back to normal, we have seen glimpses of light. Many people have returned to work, businesses are reopening, manufacturing and production have resumed operations.

This reminds us of the prophetic message of Joel after the dreadful event and destruction by the swarm of locusts. God promised a return, restoration, and blessings. That people will once again rejoice in the Lord.

“For the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness. Once more the autumn rains will come, as well as the rains of spring. The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain, and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil... The LORD says, “I will give you back what you lost to **the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts.**

Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and there is no other. Never again will my people be disgraced.” Joel 2:21-27

God’s promise never fails! He always restores hopes. He heals, he binds, cures, encourages, and lifts up spirits. God comes back always, yet stronger. Therefore, let us continue praying for God’s intervention as the world continues struggling to find a cure for the virus. Pray for God to restore hopes, provide to the needy and protect doctors as they deny themselves for the sake of others.

As is now evident, the summer of 2020 is a different summer; a time the world has never experienced. Yet we hope in God and continue with the work the Lord has entrusted us to do. From resuming the in-person service of our local churches, the 224th general assembly of our national church has elected new C-moderators: Elona Street-Stewart (Minnesota) and Gregory Jerome Bentley (Alabama). The assembly also reelected Stated Clerk Rev. J. Herbert Nelson II. Let us remember these new leaders in all our prayers as they lead our church into the future.

As a church, we are also finding ways to continue with programs and mission areas. We will celebrate the success of our graduates, support our locals, and hopefully get together for a picnic. We will continue enjoying out-

door services Lord willing and the weather permits (PA weather is unpredictable).

Moreover, we will be journeying through the books of minor prophets this summer and unpacking hidden treasures. We will learn about their rich message of comfort, covenant faithfulness, service in the house of the Lord, and restoration of hopes. These books also challenge us to seek God, to repent, and encourage us to claim God’s abounding mercy. Hosea calls us to acknowledge the Lord and press on to knowing him. In return, God will appear, shine like a morning sun, pour his mercy and compassion on us like the winter and spring rains that enrich the seeking soul.

I need you to remind you about one of our Church members, and our friend, Victoria Askew, who is turning 100 years old on July 11, 2020. Let us wish her "Happy Birthday!" I ask us all to surprise her with birthday cards.

Lastly, it has been three Sundays since I have had the good fortune to see many of you while I continue to speak with some of you by phone. We will continue to worship the Lord, even when wearing face masks. We will praise him even if we do not sing praises. We are all blessed by our gathering and seeing each other. May you be blessed!

You are all in my prayers and I pray that the peace of God that exceeds understanding keep you in peace, continue to guarding your hearts and minds in Christ as you continue living your lives in these trying times (Philippians 4:7). Keep up your journey and partnership with our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Owar Ojulu



Isaiah 46:4

Even to your old age I am he,
even when you turn gray
I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.

Victoria Askew



Happy 100th Birthday

The LORD says,
 “Then I will heal you of your faithlessness;
 my love will know no bounds,
 for my anger will be gone forever.

I will be to Israel
 like a refreshing dew from heaven.
 Israel will blossom like the lily;
 it will send roots deep into the soil
 like the cedars in Lebanon.

Its branches will spread out like beautiful olive trees,
 as fragrant as the cedars of Lebanon.

My people will again live under my shade.
 They will flourish like grain and blossom like grapevines.
 They will be as fragrant as the wines of Lebanon.

“O Israel, stay away from idols!

I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you.
 I am like a tree that is always green;
 all your fruit comes from me.”

Let those who are wise understand these things.

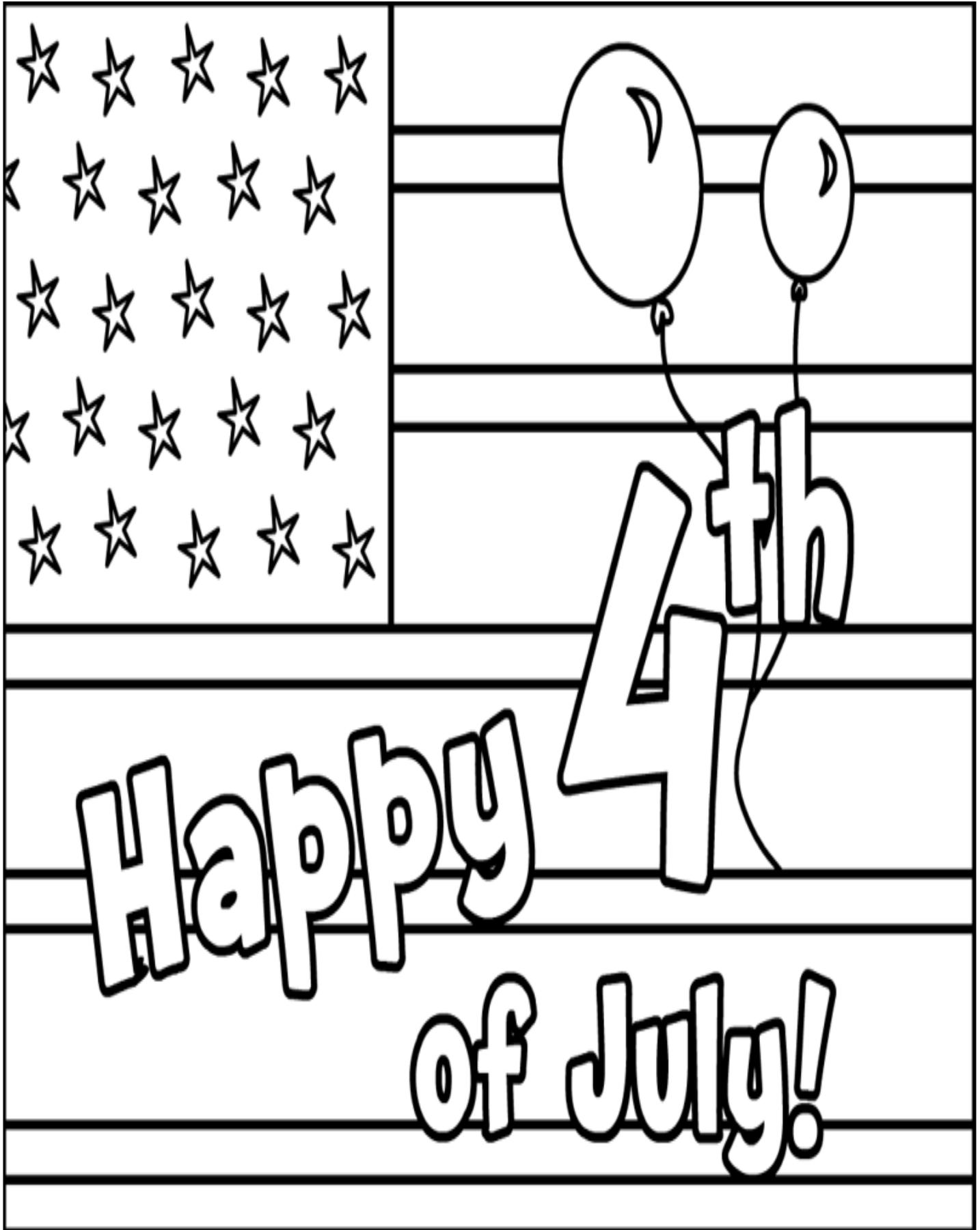
Let those with discernment listen carefully.

The paths of the LORD are true and right,
 and righteous people live by walking in them.
 But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.

Hosea 14:4-9

Divine Promises

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 Shema Israel





THE FELLOWSHIP

A NEWSLETTER OF THE EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 2020



What's Happening . . .

The June 3rd meeting of the Session opened with prayer and a brief study of Romans 12: 1-8. This a statement of practical theology and how to live it out. Our Book of Order training was about the basis and purpose and background of the approved Confessional Statements.

The May minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was received followed by committee reports.

Due to the cancellation of summer camps at Pine Springs Camp, the Mission committee has decided to help support the camp by sending in the ½ campership amount of \$700 that we previously approved if our campers were to attend. We are also accepting donations for Pine Springs Camp.

Property Management thanked volunteers who help with outside work such as mowing and mulching. An ongoing situation with people parking overnight in the parking lot and not moving vehicles when plowing is done was discussed and plans were made to enforce the parking rules.

In New Business, detailed plans for reopening the church were made to help us follow the CDC guidelines for operating safely during the Covid 19 pandemic. They include measures such as social distancing, face coverings, cleaning, postponing communion and shortening the service.

Following the first two weeks of reopening, the Session (by email) evaluated the plan and agreed that it seems to be going smoothly so far. We also approved having outside services as the weather permits.



Sunday Scripture Readings



July 5, 2020

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 Isaac finds a wife, Rebekah, in the homeland of his father.

Psalms 45:10–17 A royal love song; come with joy to the palace of the king.

Romans 7:15–25a Paul confesses his inner conflict with sin; only God can save.

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30 Jesus says: Come to me; my yoke is easy, my burden is light.

July 12, 2020

Genesis 28:10–19a Jacob dreams of a ladder and hears the promise of the Lord.

Psalms 139:1–12, 23–24 O Lord, you have searched me; if I ascend to heaven you are there.

Romans 8:12–25 The whole creation waits for redemption with the children of God.

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 Another parable of the kingdom; weeds grow among the wheat.

July 19, 2020

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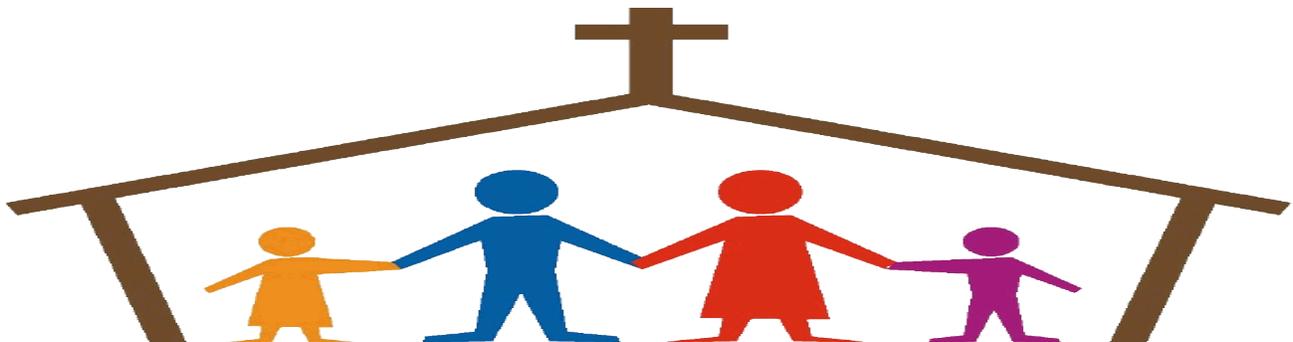
July 26, 2020

Genesis 29:15–28 Tricked by Laban, Jacob first marries Leah, then Rachel.

Psalms 105:1–11, 45b Children of Jacob, give thanks for the promise of the Lord.

Romans 8:26–39 The Spirit helps us; nothing can separate us from God's love.

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 God's kingdom is like a tiny seed, yeast, a treasure, a pearl, a net.



If you need to contact Rev. Owar Ojulu for any pastoral needs below is his contact information:

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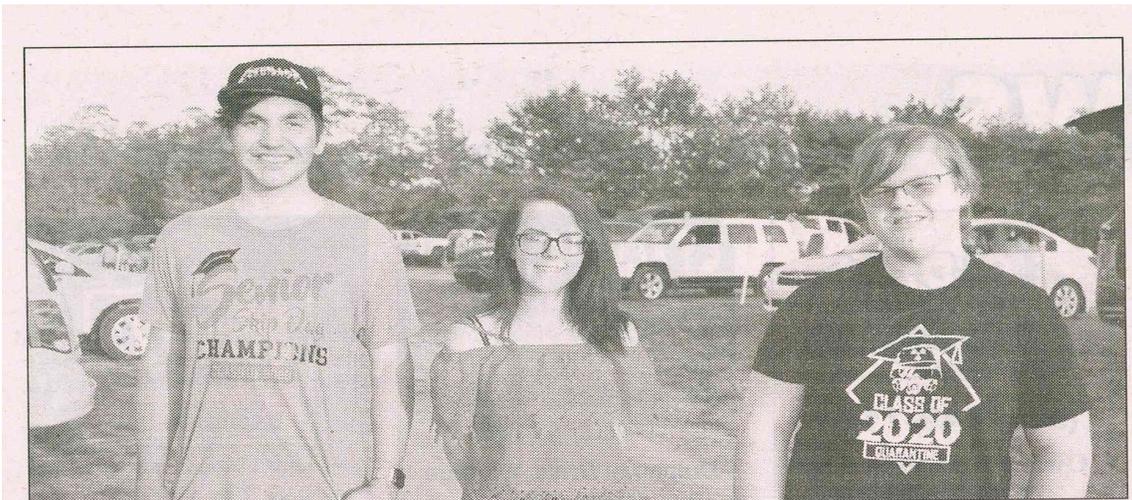
Pine Springs Camp — Updated Information

The Pine Springs Camp will be closed for the 2020 Season. The Mission Committee will continue to support Pine Springs. Any additional donations received from the congregation designated for Pine Springs Camp will be sent through the Mission Committee.

Information on Graduate Sunday will
be coming to you soon!



From the Mountaineer Herald:



School's out

Eugene Figurelle, Emily Cullen and Chase Forberger hang out before Central Cambria's graduation ceremony held at the Hi-Way Drive-In in Carrolltown June 9.

Photo by Kristin Baudoux.

Reminder!!

INFORMATION UPDATE

It is time to update the church records for 2020.

Please provide the following information for all members of your family.

Return the form to the church office or email your information to the church ebgpresby@gmail.com.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of May, 2020

Actual Operating Income: \$25,394.43

Actual Operating Expenses: \$31,159.99

Gain/Loss: (\$5,765.56)



2019 Per Capita

2020 Per Capita – Our Per Capita offering, which supports the work of the presbytery, synod and general assembly, has been set at **\$42.50**. 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!

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Happy Birthday, Bill Carlisle, Sr., Curran Vaughn</i>	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 
5 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Justin Jeffers</i>	6	7 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Bennett Vaughn</i> <i>Bible Study—7 PM</i>	8 <i>Happy Birthday, Walter Feath, Jim Dixon</i>	9 <i>Happy Anniv. Herman & Judy Carl</i>	10	11 <i>Happy Birthday, Vicki Askew</i>
12 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i>	13 <i>Happy Birthday, Marcus Magley</i>	14 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study—7 PM</i>	15 <i>Happy Anniv. Tim & Kristy Forberger</i>	16 <i>Happy Birthday, Luke Vietmeier</i>	17 <i>Happy Anniv. Tim & Debra Shamble, Owar & Apay Ojulu</i>	18 <i>NA Business Mtg.— 9:45 AM</i>
19 <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i> <i>Happy Anniv. Bill & Phyllis Morrison</i> <i>Happy Birthday, June Noel</i>	20	21 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study-7 PM</i>	22	23	24	25
26 <i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Richard “Nik” Nikolishen</i>	27	28 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Judy Carl</i> <i>Bible Study-7 PM</i>	29 <i>Happy Birthday, Pat Mohny</i>	30 <i>Happy Birthday, Aric Bracken</i>		

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