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Join Us Each Week!

Worship @ 11:00 AM

Bible Study Tuesday at 7 PM

Dear Ebensburg Church Family,

Time runs fast. Summer is behind us and fall is here. Even if the world around us is filled with chaos and crisis, nature brings us beauty, reminds us of changes of seasons, renew our hopes and give us new life. This reflects our life and faith journey on earth. We are constantly pressed hard by circumstance of this world and sudden crisis in our lives. Yet, we are stronger and steady with Christ by our side. Yes, “we are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed” (1 Corinthians 4:9).

The Minor Prophets give us a better understanding of this journey. Even if each book brings different perspective in the history of God with Israel, they agree on one theme—promise and God’s covenant with Israel. From Hosea to Malachi, God showed unconditional love to unfaithful Israel and his power over their troubles. God is determined to hold on to the covenant with Israel. The Lord encourages Israel to return, promise of healing and partnership (Hosea 6:1). Habakkuk reminds us of God’s control over circumstances, encourages us to trust and rejoice in God (Habakkuk 3:17-19). Malachi promised of the coming of the messenger of God, Elijah. The messenger is tasked with the job of refining and purification to restore and rebuild the remnants as they await the day of the Lord. This is a message for all of us as we look to the Advent this year. Therefore, let us stay strong, be faithful and trust in the Lord as we live our faith and assist others to see hope.

I can’t stop thanking our committee members, the deacons and our Session for their leadership. Thank you to you all, for always being willing to respond when a need arises in our community, for your donation and for volunteering your time to the service of our church. Thank you for your unyielding support, encouragements and prayers for my family and for Ammanuel.

As we continue to hearing the noise of clashes in our cities, the devastation in the west and as we pass through this tumultuous presidential election, let us be hopeful, remain faithful, trust in the Lord and continue seeking the face of God in prayer.

The Psalmist says it all—God is the safe tower of HOPE

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **(Psalm 46)**

Rev. Owar Ojulu

THE FELLOWSHIP

A NEWSLETTER OF THE EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2020

What's Happening . . .



September's Session meeting began with prayer and a study of the parables of the mustard seed and yeast found in Matthew 2: 1-4. The Kingdom of Heaven starts with small bits of faith that bring transforming power.

The agenda and minutes from the regular August meeting and two special meetings were approved.

The Treasurer's report was received from Kris Segear. It shows an operating deficit of \$2,930 for the year to date.

Committee reports included the following:

Budget, Finance, and Stewardship will be preparing the budget in October.

The Mission Committee reported donations of \$200 each to the Ebsburg Food Pantry, Special Deliveries (Central Cambria SD Backpack Food Program), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for tornado and strong storms in Iowa, PDA for U.S. wildfires, and PDA for Hurricane Laura. These funds come from designated giving in our envelopes or special offerings.

Organ Restoration reported that the Hoagie/Pizza Sale raised \$1014 and they are planning the Take-out Spaghetti Dinner sale for October.

Property Management reported that a dead tree will be removed.

In Old Business, sanctuary cleaning after functions was discussed.

In New Business a Fall/Winter worship schedule is being planned. Following a discussion, it was voted to begin Communion this month using pre-packaged elements and to approve a second hymn when relevant to the message. Amy Brulia was appointed to be our representative for the September Presbytery meeting. It was held by Zoom on September 22.

Our Moderator, Rev. Ojulu reported that thankfully only minor damage occurred in a fire at the McClelland town Presbyterian Church. Vicki Askew sent a thank-you note for all the cards we sent for her 100th birthday.

James Stratton, Clerk of Session, reported that a Johnstown Soup Kitchen needs volunteers. Also, one outside organization changed a meeting date for September.

The next Session meeting will be held October 14, 2020.



Sunday Scripture Readings



October 4, 2020

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20 At Mount Sinai, the Lord gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.
 Psalm 19 The law of the Lord is perfect; God’s commandments are clear.
 Philippians 3:4b–14 All that I have is nothing; knowing Jesus Christ is everything.
 Matthew 21:33–46 A parable about a vineyard, wicked tenants, and the owner’s son.

October 11, 2020

Exodus 32:1–14 Aaron makes a golden calf; Moses intercedes with the Lord.
 Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23 We have sinned, exchanging the glory of God for graven images.
 Philippians 4:1–9 Rejoice in the Lord; do not worry; God’s peace will be with you.
 Matthew 22:1–14 The kingdom is like a banquet; many are called, few are chosen..

October 18, 2020

Exodus 33:12–23 Moses watches from the cleft of a rock as God’s glory passes by.
 Psalm 99 Like Moses, worship at God’s mountain; the Lord is holy.
 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 Paul writes to the Thessalonians: We give thanks and pray for you.
 Matthew 22:15–22 T The Pharisees test Jesus with a question about paying taxes.

October 25, 2020

Deuteronomy 34:1–12 After seeing the promised land from Mount Nebo, Moses dies.
 Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 We came to you to share the gospel; we also share ourselves.
 Matthew 22:34–46 Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself



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Presbytery of Redstone

Communicate the Word...

Carry on the Work...

Change the World.....Together!

• **September Gathering Highlights**

- **Although Zoom meetings can become tiring, yet they have provided the opportunity for us to continue to gather as a presbytery. On September 22, presbyters gathered either in person or via Zoom for a time of worship and action.**
- **Hearing firsthand reports from GA commissioners Bobbi Jo Huebner, Joshua Scully, Rev. Susan Blank and Rev. Laura Blank, each offered personal reflections and focused on a particular aspect of this unique virtual General Assembly.**
- **With a long history of training ruling elders to serve in particular pastoral service, the Presbytery commissioned three persons for this task. Bill Weightman, Jeff Smith and Len Morgan to service at Laurel Hill, Tent and Community United, respectively.**
- **With the initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the presbytery “signed on” as a “Matthew 25 Presbytery.” The Presbytery will seek to facilitate our congregations to become Matthew 25 congregations by focusing on either congregational revitalization, eradicating systemic poverty or dismantling structural racism.**
- **The Presbytery examined Rev. Dawn Sherwood and approved her call to serve as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette. Dawn is no stranger to Redstone having participated in the preparation process in our presbytery as an inquirer and candidate.**
- **The Council presented their statement in written and video form on addressing racism and our responsibilities. As a declaration of our leadership, it intends to encourage conversations, confession and action within our churches.**

Reports from Church Committees

From the Organ Restoration Committee

The Organ Restoration committee met on September 13, 2020 to discuss the upcoming spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The dinner will be curbside pick-up only on October 20, 2020. You can help us out by volunteering to help give out the meals during lunch or dinner. (Lunch pick up is 11 am—1:00 pm. Dinner pick-up is 4:30—7:00 pm) The dinner includes a salad, spaghetti/meatball, roll & cookie.

The committee would also like to thank all of those that either purchased or sold Marianna's Pizzas/Hoagies. Our profit from this fundraiser was \$1,030! Thank you to all that participated!



Reports from Church Committees

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The school year has started for the Central Cambria School District and this school year is very different from all the others. The one thing this school year has in common with all previous years is that we have students in need. More than 30% of students who attend Central Cambria are from low income households and it is difficult for these families to provide basic school supplies or other items needed. This situation is complicated further by the demands and restrictions of Covid 19. I asked our school administrators what were the needs in their buildings and these items are most needed:

- Clorox/Lysol wipes (Yes, I know these are hard to find)
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Kleenex
- Sweatshirts/hoodies (these can be gently used not necessarily new)
- Boots
- Sneakers
- Socks
- Hats
- Gloves

If you would like to donate any of these items please drop them off at church.

Thank you from the Mission Committee.

EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of August, 2020

Actual Operating Income: \$43,827.91

Actual Operating Expenses: \$46,758.17

Gain/Loss: (\$2,930.26)



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 October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Happy Birthday, William Morrison</i>	3
4 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> World Communion Sunday <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i>	5 <i>Happy Birthday, Bill Carlisle, Jr., Giovanni Tiracave</i>	6 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study—7 PM</i>	7	8	9	10
11 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i> <i>Happy Anniv. Jamie Dixon & Matt Mazzarella</i>	12 <i>Happy Birthday, Addyson Bracken</i>	13 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study—7 PM</i>	14 SESSION-7 PM <i>Happy Birthday, Averi Bracken</i>	15	16	17 <i>NA Business Mtg.— 9:45 AM</i>
18 <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i>	19	20 Curb Side Spaghetti Dinner 11 am – 1 pm & 4 pm—7 pm <i>Happy Birthday, Laura McGill, Alex Jeffers</i> <i>Point of Freedom—NA Group 7:00 PM</i>	21 <i>Happy Anniv. Michael & Erika Pizur</i>	22	23	24 <i>Happy Birthday, Shannon McGill</i>
25 <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Ann Dixon</i>	26	27 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study-7 PM</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Mrs. Apay Ojulu</i>	28	29	30	31 

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