

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
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Join Us Each Week!

Worship @ 11:00 AM

Bible Study Tuesday at 7 PM

*"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms,
and there are no grapes on the vines;
even though the olive crop fails,
and the fields lie empty and barren;
even though the flocks die in the fields,
and the cattle barns are empty,
18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD!
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!
19 The Sovereign LORD is my strength!
He makes me as surefooted as a deer,^[1]
able to tread upon the heights." Habakkuk 3:17-19*

Dear Ebensburg Church family,

I can't believe it's already fall, and kids are going back to school. I hope everyone has been well and had a little time for vacation or outdoors. As many of you have been saying, 2020 is a different year. The only year in our lifetime that we know for its senseless virus. No one has thought this kind of chaos would be coming. Coronavirus has fooled the wise, tested the leadership of the world, and paralyzed the economy all over the globe.

The virus has changed our way of life dramatically. Facemasks have become forms of shields to protect us from getting infected. We are suspicious when we come in close contact with someone. We are becoming unkind to one other, yet without intention. Handshakes and hugs are restricted when passing peace during worship services. Many of you have been pressed hard with life crises beside the threat of the Coronavirus. Personally, like other pastors, my home and hospital visits have been restricted to phone calls.

We have been learning from the books of the Minor Prophets that, there is always God's presence in our circumstances. Keep calm, wait in hope, and trust in the Lord always. I encourage you to keep reasoning with God and lament your pain to the Lord, like Habakkuk. Our grievances can be both personal and corporate needs we appeal to God.

Minor Prophets call for our attention to see God in our sufferings and in our life experiences. God comes in his own time to help us soar high on Eagle wings (Isaiah 40:31). Therefore, wait on God even if he lingers on your prayers while crises seem to be mounting. God who is faithful to his promises is near and able to renew your hopes and strengthen your faith.

Jesus made this clear to his followers then and throughout the centuries saying, " In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). We are overcoming a peace-lacking world

by abiding in and by having peace with Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:20). His peace will guard our hearts from troubling, and our minds from wandering for solutions while we continue living in partnership with Christ (Philippians 4:7).

The mystery of our strength rests solely on our peace with God and living by faith. I am humbled and thankful to see our Church continues the mission work, touching many lives locally and beyond. Thank you to many of you for your continued support, for engaging in outreach, socialization, and fundraising activities. We could not do without you. You are the community of believers with a purpose journeying by faith not by sight. (2 Cor. 5:7) THANK YOU!

Thank you too, to many of you who sent sympathy and expressed condolences during the terrible passing of my aunt. I am comforted and strong because you are angels of peace on earth. May you also be strengthened, sustained, and find peace in your own circumstances as you have remembered me and my family in your prayers.

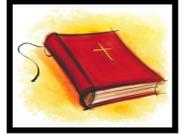
In this month, we will continue to dive deep, dig through, and receive encouraging messages from the Minor Prophets. These Books continue to give us life changing messages and speak to our trying times as of the past. We will also resume our Bible2020 Bible Study group starting September 8th @ 7pm every Tuesday. Come join us, learn the Bible, be nurtured, and nourished by the fresh message of the gospel from the Epistles to the Philippians.

Lastly, as the schools are opening in our area, please pray on your kids, on your grandchildren as you send them back to schools and lift their teachers in your prayers. Above all, like the psalmist, ask the Lord to keep you in his truth, to let his compassionate love overflow in your lives no matter what you face in this troublous world (Psalm 40:11).

Pastor Owar O.



Sunday Scripture Readings



September 6, 2020

Exodus 12:1–14 Before the Exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.
Psalm 149 Let the faithful praise the Lord with tambourine and dancing.
Romans 13:8–14 Love is the fulfillment of the law; put on Christ; salvation is near.
Matthew 18:15–20 Jesus says: seek reconciliation; when you gather I am with you.

September 13, 2020

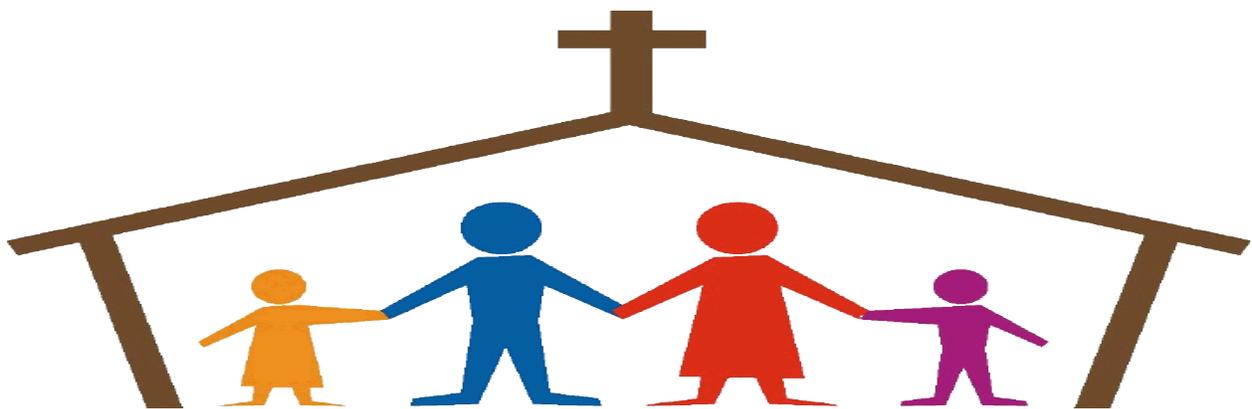
Exodus 14:19–31 At the sea, God delivers the Israelites from the Egyptian army.
Psalm 114 The earth shakes and the sea retreats in the presence of the Lord.
Romans 14:1–12 Refrain from judgment; whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
Matthew 18:21–35 A lesson in forgiveness from a parable about debts and debtors.

September 20, 2020

Exodus 16:2–15 The people complain of hunger; God gives food in the wilderness.
Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 Give thanks to the Lord, who gave food and drink in the desert.
Philippians 1:21–30 Living is Christ, dying is gain; live in a way worthy of the gospel.
Matthew 20:1–16 The parable of laborers in the vineyard; the last will be first.

September 27, 2020

Exodus 17:1–7 The people thirst and quarrel; God gives them water from a rock.
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 God made streams flow from rocks, giving water to the people.
Philippians 2:1–13 Seek the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God.
Matthew 21:23–32 Leaders question Jesus' authority; he answers them with a parable.



THE FELLOWSHIP

A NEWSLETTER OF THE EBENSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2020

What's Happening . . .



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Minutes from the June meeting were approved, and the treasurer's report was discussed and received. We are operating at a deficit of about \$3,800 for the year.

Committee reports were the next items.

The Mission committee reported donations of \$350 to Pine Springs Camp, \$100 to Dauntless Fire Company, \$100 to Ebensburg Area Ambulance, and \$200 to the Ebensburg Food Pantry.

The Organ Restoration Committee turned in fund-raising forms.

Parish Life will sponsor the annual picnic on August 30th following the worship service in the garden.

Personnel reported that the custodian has returned to work.

In Old Business, the two fundraisers proposed by the Organ Restoration Committee (hoagie/pizza sale and take-out spaghetti dinner) were discussed and approved.

In New Business, the use of the sanctuary for a wedding in September was approved. Rev. Ojulu reported that the New Wilmington Missionary Conference will be held online and he will be sharing information about missions.

The date for the next Session meeting is Wednesday, September 9th.

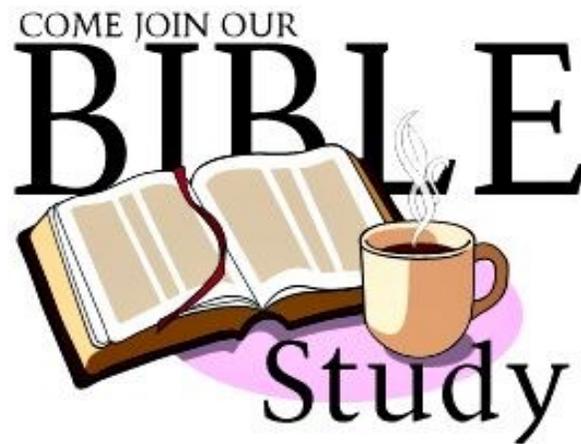
The meeting adjourned with prayer.

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

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Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM in person at the Church and by Zoom.

Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, August 30, 2020
Thank you to all who helped to make the picnic a success!



Reports from Church Committees

Mission Committee

Even though we are not meeting in person often, the work of the Church goes on. Several of our church members made dozens of masks that were donated to the Central Cambria School District meal program workers, students, and families. You can also find masks at church for anyone who needs one. Thanks to the mask makers for their time and materials.

Your generous benevolence donations helped to support the local food pantry, Pine Springs Camp, student lunch programs, members of the congregation, a local family in need, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Dauntless Fire Company, Ebensburg Area Ambulance, Ebensburg Area Support Ministry and One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

What can you do to help support this work? Pray for Christ's work in the world. Let us know about needs. Continue to donate to missions by marking your envelopes and giving to special collections such as OGHS.

Organ Restoration Committee

Thank you for your generous support of the Hoagie/Pizza Fundraiser for the Organ Restoration Project. A total of \$1,014 was realized for the Organ Restoration Project.



EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of July, 2020

Actual Operating Income: \$37,928.11

Actual Operating Expenses: \$41,730.84

Gain/Loss: (\$3,802.83)



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 September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <i>Happy Anniv. Bob & Becky Bracken</i>	4	5 <i>Happy Birthday Dave Lamer</i>
6 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i>	7 	8 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study—7 PM In person @ the Church and Zoom</i>	9 SESSION-7 PM <i>Happy Birthday Muff Kinkead (Nadine)</i>	10 <i>Happy Anniv. Phil & Amy Brulia</i>	11 <i>Happy Anniv. Melissa Douglas & Jerry Kline</i>	12 <i>NA Business Meeting 9:45 AM</i>
13 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i>	14	15 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study—7 PM In person @ the Church and Zoom</i>	16 <i>Happy Birthday Mary Ellen Harris, Denise Zaryci</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday, Becky Carlin</i>	18 <i>Happy Birthday, Stephen Magley</i>	19
20 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i>	21	22 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study-7 PM In person @ the Church and Zoom</i>	23 <i>Happy Birth- day, Roger McGill, Daniel Stefanowski, Melissa Douglas</i>	24	25 <i>Happy Birthday, Kerri Krug</i>	26 <i>Happy Birthday Doug Mohney</i>
27 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook and Zoom</i> <i>Happy Birthday, Ann Dixon</i>	28 <i>Happy Birthday, Casey Morrison, Arlene McKim</i>	29 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i> <i>Bible Study-7 PM In person @ the Church and Zoom</i>	30			

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Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day