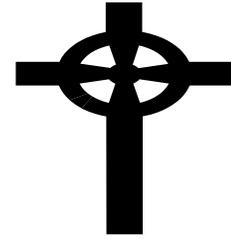
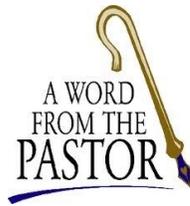


# The Fellowship

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
Ebensburg Presbyterian Church  
September 2021



**Ebensburg  
Presbyterian Church**  
200 N. Center Street  
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Mission Statement:

*"Ebensburg Presbyterians are  
Christians giving help and hope to all  
by sharing God's love."*

Church Office Hours  
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Monday-Thursday  
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**Worship Service**  
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

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*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
May all go well for those who love you.  
May there be peace within your walls,  
and security within your citadels."  
May peace be within you,  
for the good of my brothers and my  
friends. Psalm 122:6-8*

Early this month, before the fall of Kabul, a swift takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban started to unfold as the US ends the twenty years' war with the caliphates. In Mid-August, Taliban forces entered Kabul, the capital city of Afghanistan. Then heart-wrenching pictures started to emerge on the Internet and through news outlets. Like many of you, my heart sank when I saw what was unfolding. People started to flee. As they roamed around the airport for an escape to safety, some tried to cling to the aircraft, but their bodies descended to the ground as the airplane took off. We saw human anguish, fragility, and helplessness in the face of danger.

A week into the operation, that horrifying news about the loss of lives of the thirteen brave US service men and women struck our hearts, and the country mourns. It was a devastating news to the whole country, and we salute the deceased for sacrificing their lives for the sake of others'. In the last days of August, while the Kabul rescue operation comes to an end, the world hopes that Afghans won't be abandoned, but leaders will turn their faces to Afghanistan.

*"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem,"* was the psalmist's plea. The exiles remembered how difficult it was for the remnants. They prayed for the city, the country, and for the security of everyone who lived and loved Jerusalem. The psalmist had faith and was certain that God protects and answers prayers. Faith and prayer go together. Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see, which brings our hopes into reality (Hebrews 11:1).

There is power in the promised Word of God and in the spoken words of prayer. I encourage all of us not to neglect the power of prayer. In prayer we are taking God at God's Word. Scripture tells us that we conquer the world and the evil through faith and prayer. "For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith" (John 5:4). Even if we cannot defend the vulnerable and the helpless mothers and children with weapons, friends, we are confident that we can change the world through prayers. Prayer "...has the power to transform lives, change circumstance, give peace, and perseverance in the midst of trial, alter the course of nations, and win the world for Christ" Myles Munroe.

As we begin the new month of September, I ask that we draw near to God with prayers that the Lord God change the course of the world. That God protects young girls who will suffer from the tyranny of the Taliban. That God restores peace and unity in South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Haiti, restores Louisiana and the whole west of our country, and other difficult situations throughout the world. May the rescued refugees find homes around the world.

We pray for our schools as students go back to school during the Covid-19 surge and ask for protection for our healthcare workers. We lift in prayers the families of the deceased that they find peace and comfort.

Pray for our country and its safety post Al Qaeda and now the Taliban. The LORD our Rock is trustworthy, dependable, reliable, and justice is His garment (Deuteronomy 32:4). May God protect and shield our nation, our troops and our children. Shalom to the world!

Peace,  
Pastor Owar







## **A Prayer for Afghanistan**

All-loving God, Your hands have fashioned every lovely corner of this treasured planet, and the beautiful land of Afghanistan is as precious as every other place Your children call 'home'. By its rivers and mountains, its fields and gardens, its busy towns and ancient villages, it is the heart's desire of its people and the place where their lives and loves are nurtured.

We grieve today with those who grieve over Afghanistan, the people who call it home indeed, the people exiled or suddenly having to leave, and the men and women from other countries who have made sacrifices in recent years in the cause of that country's future.

We remember with renewed sadness the loss of lives of military personnel during the years of this country's involvement in Afghanistan, conscious of the questions that must today be troubling the minds of those in our community who were bereaved, those who were wounded on operations, and those who were forever changed by experiences suffered there.

We pray for peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to such need; and for tranquility of mind amongst our own service community and its wider family.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the peace-giver, we pray.

Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Marjory MacLean, via [the Church of Scotland](#)

**Ebensburg Presbyterian Church**

# MINIATURE GOLF

\*Course located inside the church on the main floor

September 25

9:00 am-3:30 pm



~Proceeds Benefit Pipe Organ Restoration Fund~

**Sept  
25<sup>th</sup>**

**\$4 DONATION**

# **KIDS Potato Patch**

**10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**



**Activities**

**Prizes**

**Snowflake the Clown**

**Crafts**

**...and much more!**

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## Youth Group

The Youth Group will continue to meet during the school year . Further information will be shared with the families.



## From the Deacons

We will be holding the Potato Patch again this year—September 25th. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering room for volunteers to sign up.

Thank you.

Roxanne Lamer, President  
Deacons

# From the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee has supported 1/2 camperships over the past several years to Pine Springs Camp. The church supported 3 campers this year. Thank you for your continued support to this wonderful ministry.



Addyson Bracken and Lauren Rice



Averi Bracken and Kristine Segear

## From the Organ Committee

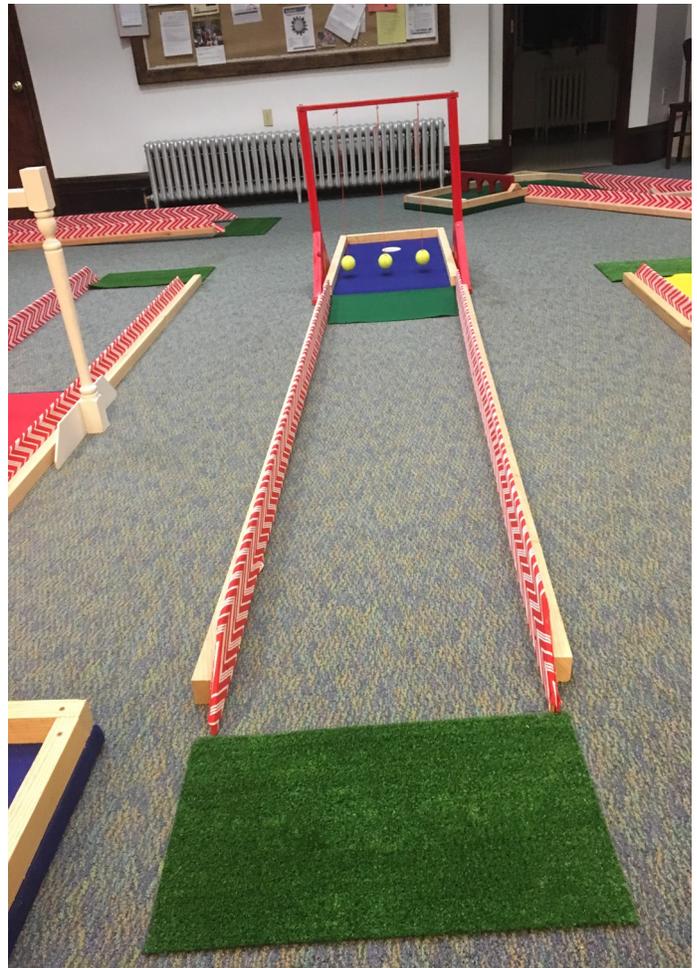
The Organ Committee is excited to host the mini golf event at the Ebensburg Potato Fest on Saturday September 25, 2021. We will reuse the bases, bumpers, clubs and balls from the event in 2019 and we will add new holes and new themes to some of the existing holes.

The schedule so far:

**Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm Course open for families and friends to play – this gives us a chance to work out any kinks as well as giving an opportunity for those who cannot make it Saturday to play.

**Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 am to 3:30 pm Course open for Potato Fest

Mini Golf will be \$4 per person and there will be a discount for children going to Potato Patch and the mini golf.



## What's Happening...



Another summer has passed, and the cool, crisp days of Autumn will soon be here. Session met on August 11. The meeting was held both in person and on Zoom. Following an opening prayer, a bible study of Joshua 3: 1-6 showed us that the people of Israel trusted in God to lead them in a new place as they crossed the Jordan River.

The agenda was approved.

Book of Order training was about the composition, purpose, and mission of the General Assembly of the PCUSA (Presbyterian Church of the USA). It will be held

next year.

The minutes of the July 14 regular session meeting and the special meeting on July 27 were approved. The special meeting was to discuss parking lot resurfacing and painting bids. It was decided that the repair of window frames for the stained-glass windows was needed more urgently, so bids will be solicited for this as soon as possible. The parking lot work is tabled for now.

The Treasurer's report was presented and received. We continue to operate with a deficit.

Committee reports included the following:

**Budget, Finance and Stewardship-** There was a clarification of payment for organists during joint worship services between Ebensburg and Colver. Each church will pay their own organist.

**Organ Restoration-** A request for a mini-golf fundraiser was approved. It will be held in conjunction with the Deacon's Potato Patch during Ebensburg's Potato Fest. Help to set up and tear down is appreciated. They are also working on T-shirts.

**Pastor/Parish Relations-** The joint service and picnic at Colver August 15<sup>th</sup> was mentioned and the committee will have a meeting in October.

**Property Management-** Concerns were expressed about cars of people not using the church, parking in the church lot overnight, during special services and when plowing needs to be done. It was approved to make a tag to put on windshields of cars that are parked and need to be moved out of the lot. Finding a contractor to bid on the windowsill repair for the stained-glass windows is difficult.

In Old Business, the mask mandate was reviewed. Session will continue to monitor local, state, and national recommendations, making any changes as needed.

In New Business, a group (NA), which uses the church on a regular basis, would like to donate a tree and bench in memory of one of their long-time members. The Property Committee will coordinate the donation. Also in New Business, our church has the honor of appointing a representative to General Assembly for 2022. We will appoint a representative after checking the dates that they would need to be available.

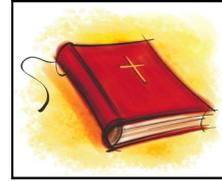
The next Presbytery meeting will be at Pine Springs Camp on September 21 from 10 – 2. Judy Carl was appointed as representative.

The Moderator (Pastor Owar) gave his report. He has helped with planning a memorial service, and he met twice with youth of the church for their new organization. He will attend Council on Ministry meeting and a Mission Committee meeting for Presbytery.

The Deacons reported that they are working on the Kid's Potato Patch.

The next stated meeting of the Session is Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

# Sunday Scripture Readings



## September 5, 2021

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17  
Mark 7:24–37

A good name is more valuable than wealth; seek justice for the poor.  
Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, abiding forever.  
Care for those who are in need; without good works, faith is dead.  
Jesus heals a Gentile woman's daughter and a man who cannot speak.

## September 12, 2021

Proverbs 1:20–33  
Psalm 19  
James 3:1–12  
Mark 8:27–38

Wisdom cries out in the street: Ignore my word at your peril.  
The heavens declare God's glory; the law of the Lord is good.  
Words have the power to bless and curse; use them wisely.  
Jesus says: You must take up the cross if you want to follow me.

## September 19, 2021

Proverbs 31:10–31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13—4:3, 7–8a  
Mark 9:30–37

A poem on the virtues and gifts of a strong and capable woman.  
Those who delight in God's law will prosper like trees by the water.  
Wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle; draw near to God.  
Jesus foretells his dying and rising; then he welcomes a little child.

## September 26, 2021

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10;  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13–20  
Mark 9:38–50

Queen Esther uses her influence to save her people from death.  
We have escaped from a trap; our help is in the name of the Lord.  
Pray for one another; faithful prayer brings healing and forgiveness.  
The disciples find someone else casting out demons in Jesus' name.



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## EBENSBURG FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year to Date as of July, 2021

Actual Operating Income: \$41,620.00

Actual Operating Expenses: \$48,900.75

Gain/Loss (\$7,280.09)



### 2021 Per Capita

**2021 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 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 <i>Happy Anniv. Bob &amp; Becky Bracken</i>	4
5 <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook  Happy Birthday Dave Lamer</i>	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	7 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i>	8 <i>Session Mtg.— 7:00 PM</i>	9	10 <i>Happy Anniv. Phil &amp; Amy Brulia</i>	11 <i>Happy Anniv. Melissa Douglas &amp; Jerry Kline</i>
12 <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook</i>	13	14 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i>	15	16 <i>Happy Anniv. Mary Ellen Krumenaker</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday, Becky Carlin</i>	18 <i>NA Business Meeting - 9:45 AM  Happy Birthday, Stephen Magley</i>
19 <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook</i>	20	21 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM</i>	22	23 <i>Happy Birthday Roger McGill, Daniel Stefan- owski, Melissa Douglas</i>	24	25 <b>POTATO FEST</b> <i>Kids Potato Patch 10:30— 2:30 Miniature Golf 9—3:30 Happy Birthday Kerrie Krug</i>
26 <i>Worship 11:00 AM Facebook  Happy Birthday, Doug Mohny</i>	27 <i>Happy Birthday, Ann Dixon</i>	28 <i>Point of Freedom NA Group—6 PM  Happy Birthday, Arlene McKim</i>	29	30		

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