

“Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water” Gen. 21:19



“Abide in Me,
and I in You.”

John 15:4

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 2023

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Mission Statement
“Ebensburg Presbyterians
are Christians giving help
and hope to all by sharing God’s love.”

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (*Responsively*)

Do not be afraid:

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid:

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid:

God is with us, now and always.

* HYMN#485 To God be the Glory

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:

We have died to sin; yet we continue to live in it.

God’s grace abounds so we might move past our sins.

Trusting that promise, let us confess to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*in unison*)

Gracious God,

we try to follow your word:

to put others above ourselves,

**to remember that we are all bound together as your
beloved children,**

to seek the common good instead of our own interests.

But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us.

**We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness,
callousness, and indifference.**

In your mercy, send your healing

to those we have hurt,

and to our own misguided souls

so that we may follow you once more. Amen (*silent Prayer*)

¹ CTW 561A

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *(Responsibly)*

We are united in Christ's life, death, and resurrection:
he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(responsively)*

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also, with you.**
(Please share the peace of Christ with those around.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(in unison)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy God,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7–13 Page 630-31

SECOND READING: Matthew 10:24-39 Page 791

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

NOW WHAT: Abide in Christ

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMNS# 394 There is a Balm in Gilead

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Romans. 12:1

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.

Let us offer our lives and tithes to the Lord.

SENDING

*HYMNS# 525 Here I am, Lord (vs 1&2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Psalm 72:18-19

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
Who alone works wonders.

And blessed be His glorious name forever;

And may the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Amen, and Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Major Repair Project

The Session leadership agreed on restoring storm windows of our church to help preserve stained-glass windows. The bid from Servpro of \$76, 000 was accepted and the work will begin as the weather allows. We need your prayers and prayerfully, please consider donating to the Major Repair Fund. Contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders.

Worship at Pines Spring: We will be closed on Sunday, July 16th to join worship service with Redstone Presbytery for the rededication of the Log chapel. Service starts at 10:00 AM. If you plan to go, please contact Becky Bracken or Rev. Ojulu. The presbytery needs to know the number of attendants.

Sponsoring a Counselor: The Mission Committee has answered the call to sponsor a staff member at Pine Springs Camp, as we have been doing for many years. This year we will be sponsoring a counselor, Ellyse Betler. If you wish to participate in this outreach, please consider donating something to be included in a shoebox of small gifts that we will be sending in early July. Possible items to be included in the box are listed below. **Please note that some staff members are allergic to nuts, so we should refrain from sending anything containing tree nuts or peanuts or that is made with peanut oil.** Possible items include:

- 1) Cards and notes
- 2) Small quantities of candy bars, snacks, or “fun items” (**Avoiding nuts, peanuts, and peanut oil**)
- 3) A \$25.00 gas gift card (Giant Eagle Get-Go is recommended, but another type would be fine.)
- 4) A \$25.00 restaurant gift card (Ruby Tuesdays, Eat and Park, Subway, Applebee’s, and Chili’s are all nearby)
- 5) Small devotional book or other spiritual encouragement items

We are all invited to send additional notes of thanks and encouragement through the end of the camp season, which is August 9th. Please address any direct correspondence to:

Ellyse Betler
Pine Springs Camp
C/O Maddy Duffield
P.O Box 186
371 Pine Springs Camp Road
Jennerstown, PA 15547
Thank you for your support!

Bible2020 Program—Bible Study Program, Wednesdays @7pm

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 14	Claudia Gironda
June 17	Rebecca Bracken
June 17	Kristy Forberger
June 21	Scott Magley
June 21	Mary Lou Carlisle
June 22	James Lyons III
June 23	Magdalene Bracken
June 23	Brooke Lyons
June 29	June Fedora
June 29	Doug Weber

Happy Anniversary

Bill & “R” McKim, June 9
Duane & Pat Mohnney, June 9
Jim & Jani Stratton June 22
Jim & Shirley Cassidy June 25

You may join our church in one of three ways: **Transfer** from another congregation; **Reaffirm** your faith if you have not been an active church member recently; **Profess** Jesus as Savior and Lord. *Please talk to the pastor or one of the leaders*

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names, you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

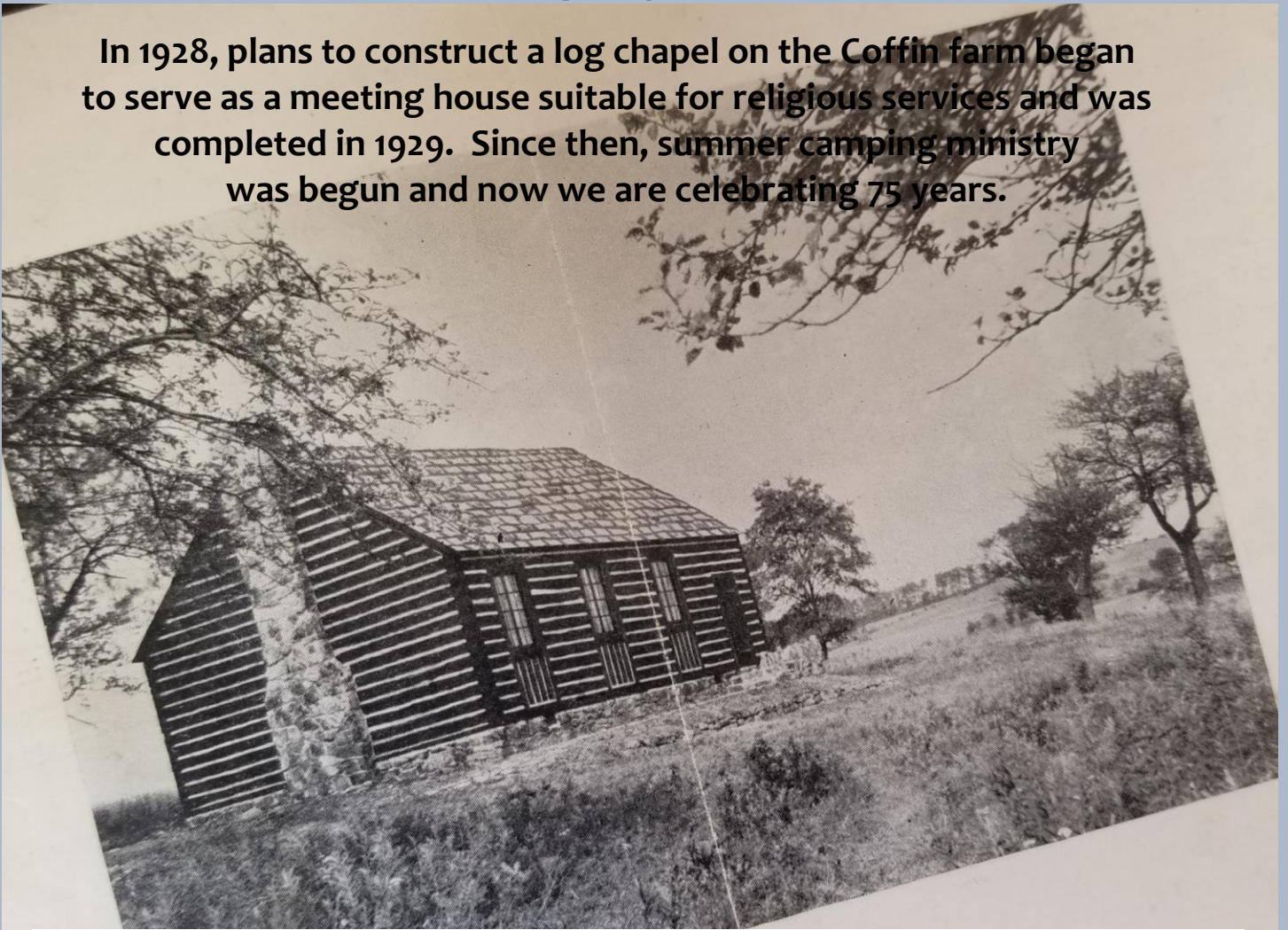
Eva Tomb	Claudette Segear
Ray McKim	John Fedora
Jim Estep	Sharon Westrick
Ramona McKim	Ruthan Noderer
Candi Elam	Gloria P.
Ben & Patricia Tuchi	Mary R. ````
Peter & Margaret Funch	Father Pat Kirsch
Albie	Bob & Mary Clare Stofko
Tom R.	Richard McKim
Joe P	Phil Brulia
Erin M.	
Marty F.	

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JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP PICNIC JULY 16; 10:00 A.M. C. C. HAYS LOG CHAPEL

In 1928, plans to construct a log chapel on the Coffin farm began to serve as a meeting house suitable for religious services and was completed in 1929. Since then, summer camping ministry was begun and now we are celebrating 75 years.



**JOIN US AS A CONGREGATION OR FAMILIES OR AS
INDIVIDUALS IN THIS CELEBRATION IN THE STYLE OF
THE EARLIEST MINISTRY AT CAMP.**

(bring your lawn chairs for outdoor seating)

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