

December 3, 2023 Edition



## Prayers this week

Please continue to pray for Mike Formeck's cousin, Arlene, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Mary Jane Snyder in hospice at Autumn Grove. She'd love a card! Please keep her in your prayers.

Julie Powell is asking for prayers for her brother, Jim Mahan who continues to recover and needs your prayers.

Martie and Phil are asking for prayers for one of Phil's co-workers who suffered a stroke over the weekend. He was not able to get treatment right away so keep him, his family and the doctors and the nurses in your prayers.

Martie and Phil are asking for prayers for a friend from the former West Liberty U.P. Who is having health problems and needs prayer.

Sandy Montgomery updated Maggie's progress; she had an MRI in October and her tumor is shrinking. No treatment is needed at this time. She will have regular testing going forward.

Sandy Montgomery updated us in the progress of Drew their cousin. He was accepted in the trial treatment and the last test showed the tumor shrinking.

Please keep the Klink family in your prayers. They are friends from John and Jody Sperry's old church and their 2-year-old grandson died unexpectedly last week. His father could not wake him from his nap.

Bonnie Renick's friend Michelle Sauer has a mass on her pancreas. She is only 58 years old. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Please keep Barb Harp, (exercise instructor during the week) her husband and their family in your prayers her mother-n-law went to be with the Lord.

### **Remember to keep these people in your prayers:**

Jannie Budd  
Shirley Cook  
Denise Brydon  
Nancy Harris  
Joann Orr (Bill Elliott's sister)  
Mary Jane Snyder  
Mary Decker's great-grandson  
Edna Mae Tissue  
John Sperry's nephew, Ben  
Robyn Gregg's daughter, Lyndsey  
Mason Martin (KC Football player)

Ramona Marks  
Pam Uber  
Bill Mills  
Ramona Marks  
Mason Martin (the Karns City football player)

## New This Week Prayers

Grace Steele is having some health issues please keep her in your prayers.

**Please remember to update your prayers as needed. We would like to keep everyone up to date on the status.**

### Pastor Bill's Message Sunday, December 3, 2023



*Advent begins this Sunday!*

*The Advent wreath will again be a part of our worship services during December.*

*The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of Hope.*

*Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act. It is a testimony to the power of light*

*over darkness. The light of just one candle can push away the darkness. As we light this first candle of Advent, we begin our journey to Christmas.*

What are you hoping for this Advent season?

How can you put more of your hope in God?

This time of year, can be difficult for many of us as we grieve the loss of someone or something dear in our lives.

How can you place your future hope in God during this time of sadness?

This Sunday we will learning more about Zechariah. We will see how his new hope in God arrived, that very first Advent.

God bless you and see you in church!

*Rev. William C. Munaw II*

**December 3, 2023**

**Prelude**    O Come, O Come, Emmanuel    Arr. John Innes

**Introit**    Arise Ye People

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Praise Sentences**

**L:** The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

**P:** **Come, let us worship God who gives light to see the way**

**L:** Come, let us worship God who gives hope to walk in faith

**P:** **Come, let us worship God who came as a child**

**L:** Come, let us worship God!

### **Opening Hymn – #13 “Prepare the Way” “Presbyterian Hymnal”**

#### **Opening Prayer – (Unison)**

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always turned to You for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world's time, to dominate Your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for You. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored to You. Guide us into Your time. As we call upon Your name, hear our prayers and give us new life.

#### **Moment of Silent Prayer**

#### **Pastor's Amen**

**Church Song of Response**    *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne LBB #2100 Verse 5*

**Time with Children**    *Away in a Manger*

**Choir Anthem**    Canticle For Advent    Lloyd Larson

**Advent Wreath Candle-lighting “HOPE” – Samantha Montgomery and Lila Runtas**

**Scripture    Luke 1:67-80**

<sup>67</sup> His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: <sup>68</sup> “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David <sup>70</sup> (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), <sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— <sup>72</sup> to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath he swore to our father Abraham: <sup>74</sup> to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, <sup>77</sup> to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven <sup>79</sup> to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.” <sup>80</sup> And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

### Message

Communion Hymn #1 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Verses 1-2  
“Presbyterian Hymnal”

“The Lord’s Supper”

Welcome-Invitation

Prayer

The Bread

The Cup

Closing Prayer

Communion Hymn #5 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Verses 1-2  
“Presbyterian Hymnal”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering Sentence

Offering Music *Listen For His Coming* Arr. Mark Hayes (Piano)

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #592 “Presbyterian Hymnal”

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn – #3 “Comfort, Comfort You My People” “Hymns For the Family of God”

Blessing

Benediction Response *The First Nowell PH 56 Refrain Only*

Postlude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Arr. Gordon Young



*Calvin (The not so famous church mouse)*



Every year, during Advent, Pastor Bill has a sermon series.  
This year, I am really excited about his choice.

In honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the hymn "Amazing Grace", he will be looking at how **"The Light of Grace"** comes to meet us at Christmas in Emmanuel, "God with us".

Below, I am sharing the calendar that starts this week!

**"The Light of Hope" – Zechariah, Dec. 3**

**"The Light of Peace" – Isaiah, Dec. 10**

**"The Light of Joy" – Elizabeth, Dec. 17**

**"The Light of Love" – Mary, Dec. 24**

BYE!



### Knotty Ladies

The Knotty Ladies are starting up again after a summer hiatus. If anyone is interested in joining us, we are meeting Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, on the stage, starting Wednesday 9/28/23. We will be making baby quilts for Butler Memorial Hospital to distribute to all new

babies. If you can't join us to tie our quilts, we will accept any finished quilts. BMH said they need to be 36" x 36". We will also accept quilt tops that need to be sandwiched & tied, and donations of batting. Join us for fun and fellowship, the only skill necessary is to be able to tie a square knot!

### Address updates:

Bill Mills  
36 Hunt Drive  
Grove City, PA 16127

Shirley Cook  
16841 SW 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33027



We will be collecting donations for this worthwhile mission. Our first family this year has two children; a girl, 8 years old, and a boy, 2 years old. Our second family has a kindergarten boy who is 5. Our goal is to provide outfits, shoes and toys for each. Donations will be collected through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Mumaw. Please be a part of brightening up two struggling local families this Christmas and making a young child's Christmas special.



Blood Drive on December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall if your interested in giving blood please sign up on the Red Cross website. Appointments only.

**Children's practices will be held after worship service for and play on December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, on December 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a decorating the tree and pizza afterwards. So, plan on attending.**



Ring the bell on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Giant Eagle.

**Presented by  
ACTS Choir and Orchestra**



Saturday, December 9, 2023  
Mt. Chestnut Presbyterian Church  
Butler, Pa.

**PERFORMANCE TIME 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday, December 10, 2023  
Center Presbyterian Church  
Slippery Rock, Pa.

**PERFORMANCE TIME 3:00 p.m.**



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Beaver-Butler Presbytery  
YOUTH GROUP  
BOWLING PARTY



SUNDAY January 28, 2024

3pm -5pm

Family Bowlaway Fun Center

540 Fairground Hill Rd, Butler, PA 16001

YOU MUST RSVP to Diana to attend the event.

Deadline to RSVP is 1/15/24

[dianamermon@beaverbutler.org](mailto:dianamermon@beaverbutler.org)

or 412-915-2097

# The Bach Society

Under the direction of Leo Sayles

Invites you to attend their choral concert

## *A Wonder in the Heaven*



Friday, December 8th at Center Presbyterian Church

Slippery Rock

Saturday, December 9th at Tower Presbyterian Church

Grove City

Both concerts start at 7:30 pm and are free to the public

For more information go to [www.bachsocietycommunitychoir.com](http://www.bachsocietycommunitychoir.com)