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# Center Church Weekly E-Blurb

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November 19, 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 and needs prayer.

Mason Martin (the Karns City football player) had successful surgery and may be moved to rehabilitation soon.

Ramona had her surgery and it went well. The doctor was pleased with the outcome. She is now back home recovering.

#### 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

# **New This Week Prayers**

Please pray for the Zattolla family (a friend of Lyla Runtas form softball) her grandfather went to be with the Lord.

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.

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, November 19, 2023

This week we celebrate "Thanksgiving Sunday" in worship. The prayers, music and "Message" will all have a theme of being, "Thankful".

I want to share a reading with you to get us thinking about the concept before Sunday.

#### A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, so oftentimes, as any other day

When we sit down to our meal and pray

We hurry along and make fast the blessing

Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing

We're slaves to the olfactory overload

We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold

But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more

To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for

For my family, my health, a nice soft bed

My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head

I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those

Whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure

Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure

That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place

And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace

So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided

And bless each and every person invited

Amen!

-Scott Wesemann

# How thankful are you?

Below is our complete bulletin for Sunday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

God bless you and see you in church!

Rev. William C. Mumaw 11

**November 19, 2023** 

Prelude Bells We Gather Together Arr. Kathleen Wissinger

**Introit** Praise to the Lord, Almighty

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Praise Sentences**

- L: This is the day the LORD has made.
- P: We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- L: The world is filled with the glory of God. The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,
- P: Lord, thank you!
- L: Because we have food to put on the table, and a roof over our heads, and money to spend and give, we say,
- P: Lord, thank you!
- L: Because of the many unique blessings that we have all been granted in our lives, we say,
- P: Lord, thank you!
- L: Because we have this church, we fill this house of God with our voices, saying,
- P: Lord, thank you!
- L: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise!

# Opening Hymn – #392 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" "Hymns For the Family of God"

# **Opening Prayer – (Unison)**

Generous and Giving God, we confess that we sometimes forget how to say thank you. We confess that we are sometimes too busy to be thankful. We confess that sometimes we are not thankful enough for all that You give us. We confess that sometimes we say the words, but don't feel grateful in our hearts. Lord, for what we have received, and for what we are about to receive, make us, truly thankful. Fill us today with a new spirit of thanksgiving.

# **Moment of Silent Prayer**

## Pastor's Amen

Church Song of Response Gloria Patri #142 Hymns for the Family of God

Time with Children Jesus Loves Me

Reflection Hymn #387 "We Gather Together" "Hymns For the Family of God"

#### **Scripture Psalm 100**

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his[a];

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

#### Message

**Choir Anthem** A Thanksgiving Prayer (Thanks Be To God) – Joseph Martin

## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

#### Offering Sentence

Offering Music Bells This Is My Song (Finlandia) – Arr. Kathleen Wissinger

**Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #592 "Presbyterian Hymnal"

## **Prayer of Dedication**

<u>Closing Hymn –</u> #389 "Let All Things Now Living" "Hymns For the Family of God"

## **Blessing**

Benediction Response Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Postlude Postlude in E Flat – Gertrude Richolson

# Calvin (The not so famous church mouse)

When there are announcements or prayer requests mentioned in church, it is very important that we are all listening.

Pastor Bill encourages folks to always have a pen and something to take notes on.

I hope everyone heard the announcement about the coffee hour last Sunday?

With the annual meeting this week right after church, and the following weekend being "Thanksgiving weekend", there is no coffee hour this Sunday and the next week, on Nov.  $26^{th}$ .

We will have some cookies and snacks after church on Dec 3rd as our coffee hour returns.

You won't see me, but I will see you then! Mice like to be hide.

# 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  $36" \times 36"$ . 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:

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Once again it is that time of year for orders of the poinsettias for Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the elevator. All orders are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be the same \$20.00 each. The colors are listed on the sign-up sheet.



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.



# We need your help!

Sign-up to ring the bell on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Giant Eagle. Sign-up sheet on the board by the elevator.



# 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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Please Note: the office will be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.