



THE SLATE

The Monthly Newsletter of

Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church
Cardiff, Maryland

Rev. Ken Osborne, Pastor

January 2023

A New Year, A New Beginning

This is the first Sunday of another new year. This is the twenty-eighth newsletter article that I have written marking the beginning of a new year; seven of them with these two beloved congregations.

The expression “time flies” really seems like an understatement; it’s hard to believe that 2022 is now behind us. I know we are supposed to do more in less time and we have all the apps and gadgets to help us do just that. The problem being, we must then fill in the time we’ve saved with more things to do. As we accomplish more, we keep trying to find ways to accomplish even more. It’s a dangerous cycle without any end in sight.

What I’ve discovered is that the real basis of life does not consist in how many tasks we can get done in a short period of time; nor is it about how fast we can travel up the ladder of success; it has nothing to do with how many things we possess or how much money we save. What really matters is who is in control of our lives. Do we control our lives or do we allow God to have control?

We were created in the image of God. God has a place in eternity prepared for us. Getting there, and inviting others to come along is what life is really all about. What we do and what we say makes a difference. If our actions don’t match up with what we proclaim then people are not going to listen to our invitation.

As God’s church in Delta and Cardiff, we run a careful balance between care for our facility and the use of our facility. Our church buildings provide a comfortable and useful location where we can worship God, study God’s Word and teach others. We need to reach out to people outside the church in purposeful and effective ways. We need to pray for, and talk to, and invite back those who either no longer attend or who attend sporadically.

Here we are at the beginning of another new year. Time is passing us by and we have work to do. I pray that we use the coming year wisely, for ourselves and for those who will follow us. Let us use this year and every year; let us use this day and every day, first and foremost, to the glory of God. And then let us stop and listen for the places God is calling us.

Ken





Slate Ridge Worship

Worship services begin at 11:00 am with fellowship in the Gathering Room beginning at 10:30am, **except for** January 1 which will be a Joint Service at Slateville at 10:00. From January 8th on, the services will be back at Slate Ridge and teachers will be available to teach youngsters during “Kids Church.” Mask wearing is Optional. Pastor Ken will continue to post the weekly service via YouTube; the link is posted to the church website: www.slateridgechurch.org and to Slate Ridge’s Facebook page (in the name of Rose Amos). Come early and enjoy Fellowship with your church family.

Masks are Optional, but recommended

After prayer and discussion, the Session’s decision on mask wearing is “Masks Optional but recommended.” Masks are available in the vestibule at the Cardiff door.



2022 Year End Reports Due

It’s that time again: annual reports need to be submitted to srpc@verizon.net or dropped off in the church office sometime in the next few weeks. Thank you in advance!

Un-Decorating the Sanctuary

We will be “un-decorating” the Sanctuary following worship on January 8. We hope everyone can stay for a few minutes to help after the service. Many hands make quick work.

January Ushers

Ann and Jerry Booze

Meetings

The Session will meet on Wednesday, January 18 at 7pm.

The Annual Congregational Meeting to review the year will be January 29, following worship.

Closers for December

Jan 8 - Steve Hess

Jan 15 - Nelson Lewis

Jan 22 - David Stewart

Jan 29 - Brian Amos

Deacons News

- Cards will be sent by the Deacons.
- If a member of our church family, or of the local community may need a meal or two (because of hospitalization and recovery following surgery, etc.), the Deacons Contact person for meal support is Janet Nicholson. Janet’s contact info: 410-937-7753.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to participate in a Prayer Chain (currently in its formative stages), please register via the list on the table in the Gathering Room or contact Linda in the Church Office.

December Flowers

Flowers arrangements were placed on the organ and piano by Mary Gerlach.

Flowers were placed on the organ by John and Phyllis Fenwick for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

These Days (Daily Devotional) Booklets

The booklets to cover January, February, and March 2023 on the table in the Gathering Room.

Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church Income and Expenses

(November 2022)

	2022	2021
Income	\$ 8,519.02	\$ 6,891.23
Expense	<u>\$ 6,365.88</u>	<u>\$ 2,729.73</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,153.14	\$ 4,161.50

Praying for You

- Judy Williams was diagnosed with breast cancer and has had surgery which went well. She was to begin radiation in December.
- Joan Jones's son-in-law, Chris Henderson, battling brain cancer, is receiving radiation and chemo.
- Allison, 2-year old great-granddaughter of Joyce Myers had a blood-clot issue. She is home (Praise the Lord!) but will need a few months of physical therapy and treatments.
- Janet and Phil Nicholson's great-grandson, Landyn, who has had some issues since birth, but he seems to be doing well.
- Wilson, son of Henry Heaps, is very ill.
- Sandy Scarborough is in constant pain.
- Marian's friend, Terri, has breast cancer.
- Patti Gibney's friend, Tim, badly burned his hands in an accident.
- Nancy Jones has a broken shoulder. Prayers for her physical recovery and to uplift her spirits.
- Debbie Hess's sister's husband, Leroy, is rapidly declining; he has vascular dementia.

With prayers for peace and comfort

- James (Jim) Morris, son of the late COL. James Morris and Clara (Finley) Morris passed away. His service was held at Slateville, with Pastor Ken officiating.
- Beverly (Asbury) Colvin passed away on December 26; her service will be held at Slateville on Monday, January 2 with Pastor Ken officiating.
- Prayers for other families of friends in the community who passed away: Steve Delp, Dick Enfield, Lydia Vickers, and George Baer.



Slateville Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Sale

Following worship on January 1st, 2023, Slateville will have Carry-out Pork and Sauerkraut meals available for purchase. Always a feast in a box, the meal will include pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, your choice of sweet or sour sauerkraut, and dessert. Please come out to Worship at Slateville on Sunday, January 1st at 10:00am. Pastor Ken's sermon is entitled: "And Abram Went Lord!" based on Genesis 12: 1-4a. The meals have been known to sell-out, so reservations are best; call Mary Scarborough at 717-456-5126 to order and to choose your pick-up time.

Thank You from Mason-Dixon Community Services

Thank you so much for your generous donation this fall/winter! You have made a significant impact on the lives of our limited-income neighbors. We look forward to partnering with you in service the community in 2023 as well!

Cynthia Abbott, Executive Director

Letter from the Kennedys

A letter from the Kennedys was received in mid-December. It is posted on the board outside the office.

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January Birthdays

1	Merrilee Cox	16	Rose Amos
3	Erin Hess Newton	21	David Howell
3	Ruth Scarborough	21	Lloyd Scarborough
8	Luianne Potter	21	Belle Anne Stafford
10	Hydee Strett	23	Emily Grace Bredehoff
12	David Stewart	25	Gene Warner
15	Cathy Panos	29	Jean Childs
15	Kristen Stokes	29	Tammy Wise

January Anniversaries

No Anniversaries in January



Scripture Readings for January

Sunday January 1 at Slateville

Sermon: And Abram Went
Genesis 12: 1-4a

Sunday January 8

Sermon: "Here is My Servant"
Isaiah 42: 1-9

Sunday January 15

Sermon: "Behold! The Lamb of God"
John 1: 29-42

Sunday January 22

Sermon: I Belong to....
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Sunday January 29

Sermon: The Beatitudes
Matthew 5: 1-12



A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things *new*
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.

Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen



CONTRIBUTORS	IN HONOR OF	IN MEMORY OF
Rose & Brian Amos		Lucille Malcolm Carolyn Hause
Ann & Jerry Booze		Our Parents
John & Phyllis Fenwick	All our Military Service Men & Women & First Responders	All the lives lost due to War, Covid-19, Hurricane Ian, & Domestic Violence
Mary Gerlach		Henry Gerlach Bill Gerlach Mr. & Mrs. Wm H. Gerlach, Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Davis
Patti & Jim Gibney	Sara, Todd, Ryan & Daniel Gibney; Becky, Kevin, Sadie, Ella, & Rhett Gibney	Hugh & Ella Gibney Jack Wiley Derinda Heaps
John & Bobbie Johnson	Natalie Butler	Hyde & Belva Dooley Myrtle & Clinton Johnson Mary Hyde Butler
Debbie & Steve Hess		Helen Watkins, Bill Watkins, and Herman Dalton Betty Hess and Roy Hess
Pat Kefauver	My Children & Grandchildren	Randy Kefauver Henry & Ann Ford, Tom Ford Owen & Florence Ford George & Evelyn Cairnes
Marian & Bill Koegel	Our Children and Grandchildren	Curtis & Eleanor Thompson Kate Thompson Linda Thompson William & Doris Koegel Anne Koegel
Joyce Myers		Kenneth Myers Delmer & Catherine Myers Thomas & Ruth Wallace Andrew Wallace Potter Matthew Franklin Wachter
Luianne & Jeff Potter		Andrew Wallace Potter Madelyn & Walt Potter Carol Lynn Potter Helmkamp Kenneth Myers
Bill & Sandy Scarborough	Our Family	Wilbert & Virginia Lloyd Gail Snodgrass Bob & Mildred Scarborough
Debbie & Dave Stewart	Our Grandchildren	Our Parents
Ann Z. Wenrich		My Parents, Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Zimmerman

Month of January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Joint Worship Service at Slateville, 10am.	2	3 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	4	5 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	6 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	7
8 Fellowship & Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am Undecorating	9	10 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	11	12 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	13 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	14
15 Fellowship & Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am	16	17 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	18 Session 7pm	19 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	20 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	21
22 Fellowship & Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am	23	24 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	25	26 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	27 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	28
29 Fellowship & Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am Congregational Meeting	30	31				

We're on Facebook!

Any questions contact Rose Amos
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*You will show me the path of life:
in Your presence is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand there are pleasures
forever more.*

Psalm 16:11