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The Monthly Newsletter of

Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church  
Cardiff, Maryland

Rev. Ken Osborne, Pastor

March 2023

"Abraham believed in God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

-- Romans 4:3

Dear friends,

The name of Abraham is used by Paul more frequently than any other person except Jesus. For Paul, Abraham epitomized the essence of faith. Abraham trusted God before there was scripture to fall back on; laws that told us what to do; there were no traditions of faith to find comfort; nor was there a supportive community to hold us and pray for us. According to scripture, Abraham trusted God before God performed any acts for Abraham to experience.

Go back and read Genesis 12:1-4a, our introduction to this remarkable man. Abraham's first encounter with God was when God told him to go from everything he knew to a new land; God would tell him when he go there. And Abraham said, "Okay." Abraham's relationship with God was founded on trust in God's promise.

This is where Paul saw the essence of faith. The first act between God and Abraham was not based on something that was done by God or by Abraham, but on trust. "Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Paul went on to build his case for the inclusion of the Gentiles as God's people by showing that this right relationship between God and Abraham preceded God's giving the commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai. Building on the promise in Genesis 17 that God would make Abraham the father of many nations, Paul concluded that all humanity was included in God's promise.

We are all heirs of a promise made before anyone had done anything to earn it. In the weeks and months ahead, as we try to figure out what God has in store for us, maybe we should try to be as trusting as Abraham. Who knows where God's grace might lead us?

Ken





## Slate Ridge Worship

Worship services begin at 11:00am and teachers are 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](http://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 available in the vestibule at the Cardiff door.

### Looking Ahead - Services

The Maundy Thursday service will be at Slate Ridge, at 7pm on April 6.

The community Good Friday service led by the Mason-Dixon Ministerium will be at 11:00am on April 7.

### Meetings

The Session will meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm.

The Trustees will meet on Sunday, March 19, after Worship.

### Closers for March

Mar 5 - Bill Scarborough

Mar 12 - Cathy Panos

Mar 19 - Steve Hess

Mar 26 - Nelson Lewis

### Deacons News

- Rose Amos will be sending cards in March; reach out to her if you think of someone who needs a reminder of God’s love for them.
- 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, please register via the list in the Gathering Room or contact Linda in the Church Office.

### Letter from the Kennedys

The most recent communication from the Kennedys has been posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

### Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2023 is available in the Gathering Room.



### Mobile Medical Van at Whiteford Library

March 11, June 10, September 8, December 8. Time: 10:30 to 1:30

Free Screenings for: Blood pressure, Sleep Disorder, Body Composition Analysis, Diabetes, Stroke. Additional for \$10 each (payable with cash or check) Cholesterol and A1C. No Advance

Registration required. Call 800-515-0044 for more information. *Sponsors: Harford County Public Library, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health and Chestnut Grove A.M.E. Church.*



## Bible Study

Our next Bible Study is being planned; the book is N.T. Wright (for Everyone Bible Study Guides) and this study will be on Galatians. The book is available on Amazon. Times/hours of the study will be determined; perhaps a daytime and a nighttime class can be worked out.

## Per Capita 2023

The Per Capita for 2023 is \$37.00 per member which goes to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly to defer administrative costs. Your 2023 envelope box contains an envelope for this purpose. The Session Finance Committee does elect to pay the Per Capita on all of our active members. We thank all who contribute their portion.

## Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church Income and Expenses

(January 2023)

	2023	2022
Income	\$ 11,117.23	\$ 6,483.38
Expense	<u>\$ 13,216.27</u>	<u>\$ 20,739.85</u>
Net Income	- 2,099.04	\$ - 14,256.47



## Praying for You

- 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 continues testing and treatment.
- Wilson, son of Henry Heaps, is very ill.
- Sandy Scarborough is in constant pain.
- Dr. John Dooley fell and is now recuperating from surgery.
- Jeff Potter's brother, Steve, has been diagnosed with cancer.

## With sympathy and prayers

- Prayers for the family of James E. Morris who passed away on January 31. He is Donna (Ken) Myers's father.
- Prayers for the family of Louis M. Hause, Jr. who passed away on February 4. He is Brian Amos's stepfather.
- Prayers for the family of Farrell Dooley Whiteford (Nick) who passed away on February 5.



**"And the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."**

**Ecclesiastes 12:7**

## Copies of the Annual Report

Copies of the Annual Report are in the Gathering Room, if you haven't gotten one already.



## Souper Bowl of Caring

The generous congregation of Slate Ridge donated \$263.00 to the annual Souper Bowl campaign. The Mission Committee appreciates your faithful giving. If you are not familiar with the "Souper Bowl" campaign, look it up on-line.

### **Spring Devotionals Have Arrived**

Copies of "These Days" for April-June are on the table in the Gathering Room.

### **Christmas Joy Giving**

The generous members and friends of Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church contributed \$420.00 to the Presbyterian Mission's Christmas Joy campaign. As always, thank you.



### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

The Presbyterian Mission's One Great Hour of Sharing campaign began on Ash Wednesday, February 22; it will end on Easter Sunday, April 9.

### **Thank You from Presbyterian Mission (Mission Engagement and Support)**

(Excerpt). Please allow me to express our appreciation to you, your pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. Your church's support changes people's lives and helps others receive a glimpse of God around the world. On January 25, 2023, Presbyterian Mission received \$224.63 for the Peace & Global Witness Offering from Slate Ridge.

### **Your 2023 Slate Ridge Church Officers (Correction)**

Marian Koegel - Clerk

Jeff Potter - Treasurer for the Church

Ben Lloyd - Finance, Mission

Kristen Stokes - Finance

Ron Sturdivant - Mission

Debora Hess - Worship & Music, Nominating

Debbie Stewart - Worship & Music, Evangelism & Congregational Care

Luianne Potter - Christian Education, Evangelism & Congregational Care

### **Thank you**

A hearty thank you to all for your generous donations of new clothing for the Veterans at Perry Point Veterans Hospital. This annual campaign is sponsored by the local American Legion in Whiteford, MD.



### **Thank you from the Myers Family**

The family appreciates your continued prayers for 2-year old Allison.

We ask that you continue to remember all of us in your prayers.

*Joyce and family*

### **Thank You from Mason-Dixon Community Services**

Dear Friends,

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$5,000 in the month of November. Because of you, our residents who are struggling with poverty, hunger, and homelessness are receiving nutritious food, much-needed personal care items, and emergency energy assistance. As you know, energy prices as well as food prices have skyrocketed. People who never imagined needing our services are coming to us for assistance. We are also providing case management services that help people work towards self-sufficiency to end the cycle of poverty. Important youth and holiday programs are ongoing throughout the year. We are so grateful for your partnership in serving our community.

Warmest regards,

*Cynthia M. Abbott, Executive Director*



## EASTER LILIES



As is tradition of our congregation, we will be celebrating the Season of Easter by decorating our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter Lilies! If you are interested in purchasing a lily, please fill out this form and return it to the Church Office **no later than March 6th**. Checks should be made out to SRPC and marked Lilies.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$8.50 for each lily. Total: \_\_\_\_\_



### March Birthdays!

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Liam Street             | 13 Jessica Myers  |
| 4 Patti Gibney            | 14 Lori Panos     |
| 8 Elle Barrett Sliger     | 15 Ken Osborne    |
| 8 Brinkley Elise Sliger   | 16 Chris Panos    |
| 8 Preston Hale            | 19 Katie Johnson  |
| 9 Bill Koegel             | 20 Jason Hess     |
| 10 Isaac Thomas Vogelsong | 21 Debbie Stewart |
| 13 Scott Grimm            | 23 Curt Thompson  |
|                           | 28 Sue Ross       |

From the 365 Suggestions for Church  
Bulletin Boards, 2023 Edition.

*Loan someone your strength, instead  
of reminding them of their weaknesses.*

*A friend may be waiting behind a  
stranger's face.*



### March Anniversaries!

- 12 Jerry & Ann Booze



### Scripture Readings for March

#### Sunday March 5

Sermon: The Lord is Your Keeper  
Scripture: Psalm 121

#### Sunday March 12

Sermon: Noon at Jacob's Well  
Scripture: John 4: 5-42

#### Sunday March 19

Sermon: Goodness and Mercy  
Scripture: Psalm 23

#### Sunday March 26

Sermon: Old Dry Bones  
Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14





### Christian Ed Committee Easter Baskets and Family Dinners



It may (or maybe not...) have been awhile since you've had the opportunity to fill an Easter basket... so that's what we're going to do! We have a very quick turn-around...The baskets should be turned in to Mason-Dixon by **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you wish to contribute, small boxes of candy would be ideal. Additionally, Mason-Dixon Community Services also provides the fixings for an Easter meal (turkey or ham). These items are suggested:

#### Easter Dinner/Ham

Ham (you can store it in SR's freezer)  
Pineapple (any kind: chunk, crushed, rings)  
Yams

#### Easter Dinner/Turkey

Turkey (you can store it in SR's freezer)  
Cranberry sauce  
Instant mashed potatoes  
Boxed stuffing

#### General

Cake mix with a can of icing.  
They do not need canned vegetables at this time.



### St. Patrick's Day Card and Game Party, March 11, at Slateville Church

Slateville's Presbyterian Women are hosting their annual Card and Game party, including lunch, Saturday, March 11 in the social room of the church, 11:30 am. to 3:00 pm. For all who are ready to shake off the winter blues, come and enjoy an afternoon with us. Wear green in honor of St. Patrick or something springy in anticipation of warmer weather, or you can just do both. If you have favorite card or game playing partners bring them. Reserve your spaces quickly by contacting Mary Scarborough at 717-456-5126. Included in the \$12.00 price will be lunch, afternoon snacks, prizes, plus lots of fun!



### Prayer Chain

You are invited to be a part of our prayer chain. Men and women are invited to be a part of this. Linda Jarvis will start the prayer conversations going with the first person on the list. That person will pray and in turn, will contact the next person on the list. The list can be tailored in order to make the process convenient for all... in other words, some may prefer to be last on the list since they are working; or perhaps can actually take a request (or a text) while at work. We can work with you to make it happen; contact Linda in the church office.

*Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.*

### Ukraine Update from the Mission Committee

Our church's \$1,024 collection last year for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Ukraine refugee efforts, which was matched by the Synod of the Trinity, added to over \$8 million to support the people of Ukraine. Thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians, the church has been able to support longer-term housing, psycho-social and integration services for Ukrainian refugees in Hungary, Romania, Czech Republic and Poland. It also supports ongoing humanitarian aid efforts inside Ukraine, as well as the future rebuilding and reintegration when the war comes to an end and it is safe for people to return. Additional information is available in the Gathering Room.



# Month of March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	3 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	4
5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00a	6 <b>Lily orders due to Church Office</b>	7 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	8	9 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	10 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	11
12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am	13 <b>Easter Meals &amp; baskets due back if possible</b>	14 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	15 Session 7pm	16 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	17 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	18
19 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am <b>Trustees meet after worship</b>	20	21 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	22	23 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	24 Church Office Open 9:00am ~ 3:00pm	25
26 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Fellowship & Worship Service & Kids Church 11:00am	27	28	29	30	31 	

## We're on Facebook!

Any questions contact Rose Amos  
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*Precious, name, Precious name, hope of earth and joy of heav'n...*

*Whatever you do, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17*